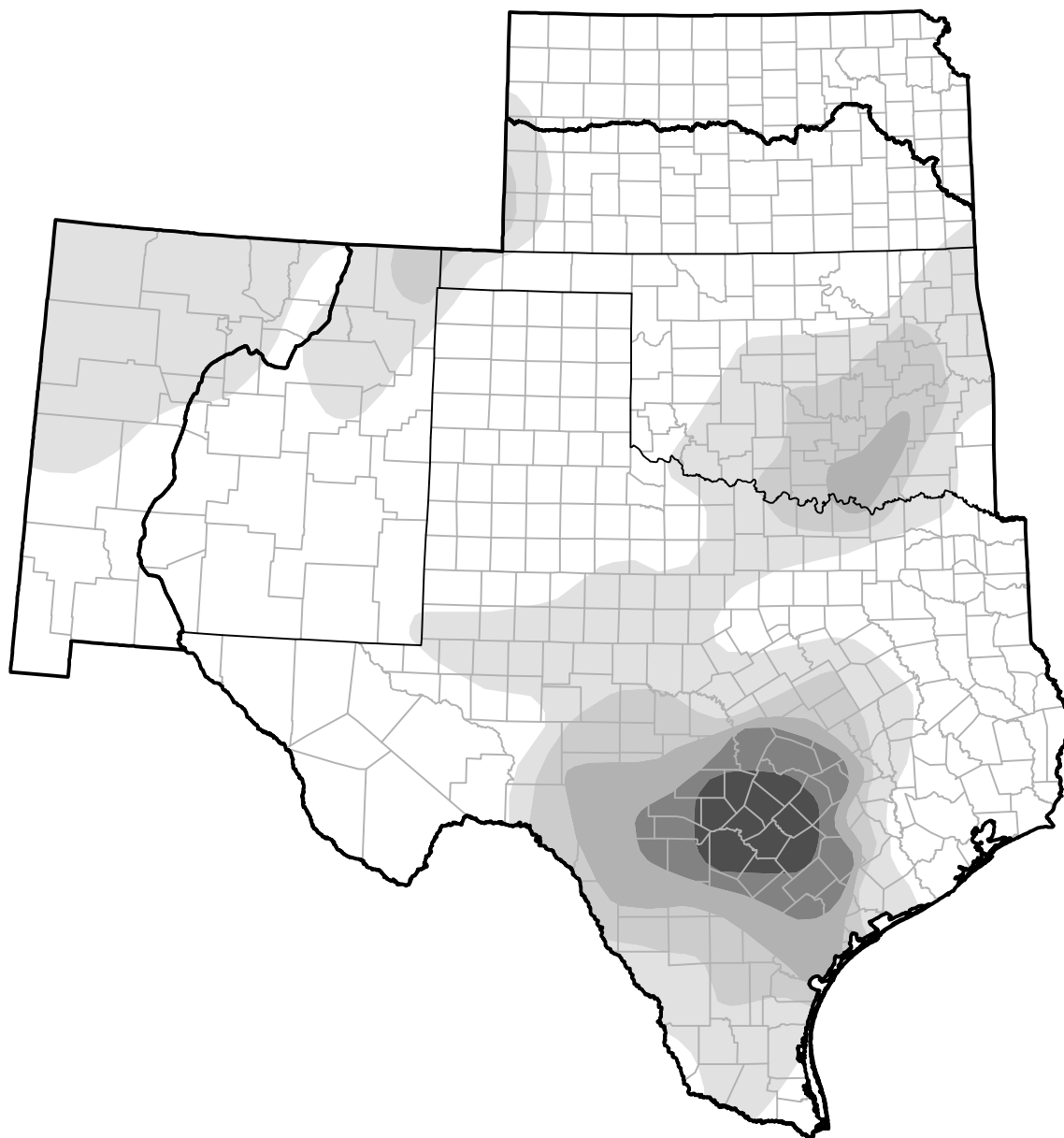


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	53.58	46.42	18.31	9.36	4.71	1.86
Last Week <i>12-04-2008</i>	55.36	44.64	15.97	8.27	4.33	0.72
3 Months Ago <i>09-11-2008</i>	61.33	38.67	15.93	6.42	1.73	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	59.56	40.44	8.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2007</i>	53.37	46.63	6.11	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. For more information on the Drought Monitor, go to <https://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/About.aspx>

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