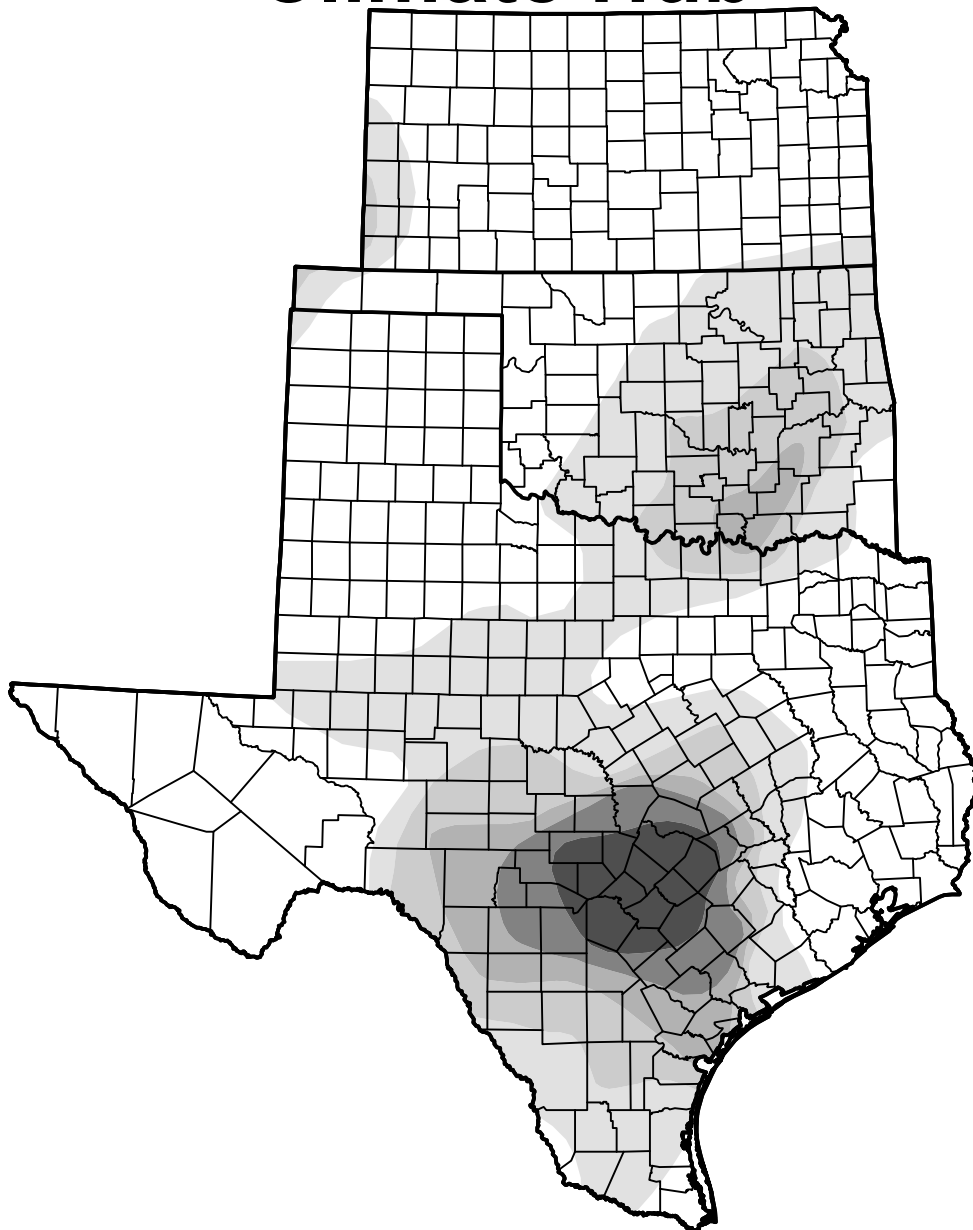


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.48	42.52	19.73	10.24	5.76	2.64
Last Week 12-09-2008	59.58	40.42	19.73	10.24	5.16	2.03
3 Months Ago 09-16-2008	76.10	23.90	15.75	5.71	1.52	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2008	59.82	40.18	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	73.18	26.82	15.22	6.84	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago 12-18-2007	67.79	32.21	4.67	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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