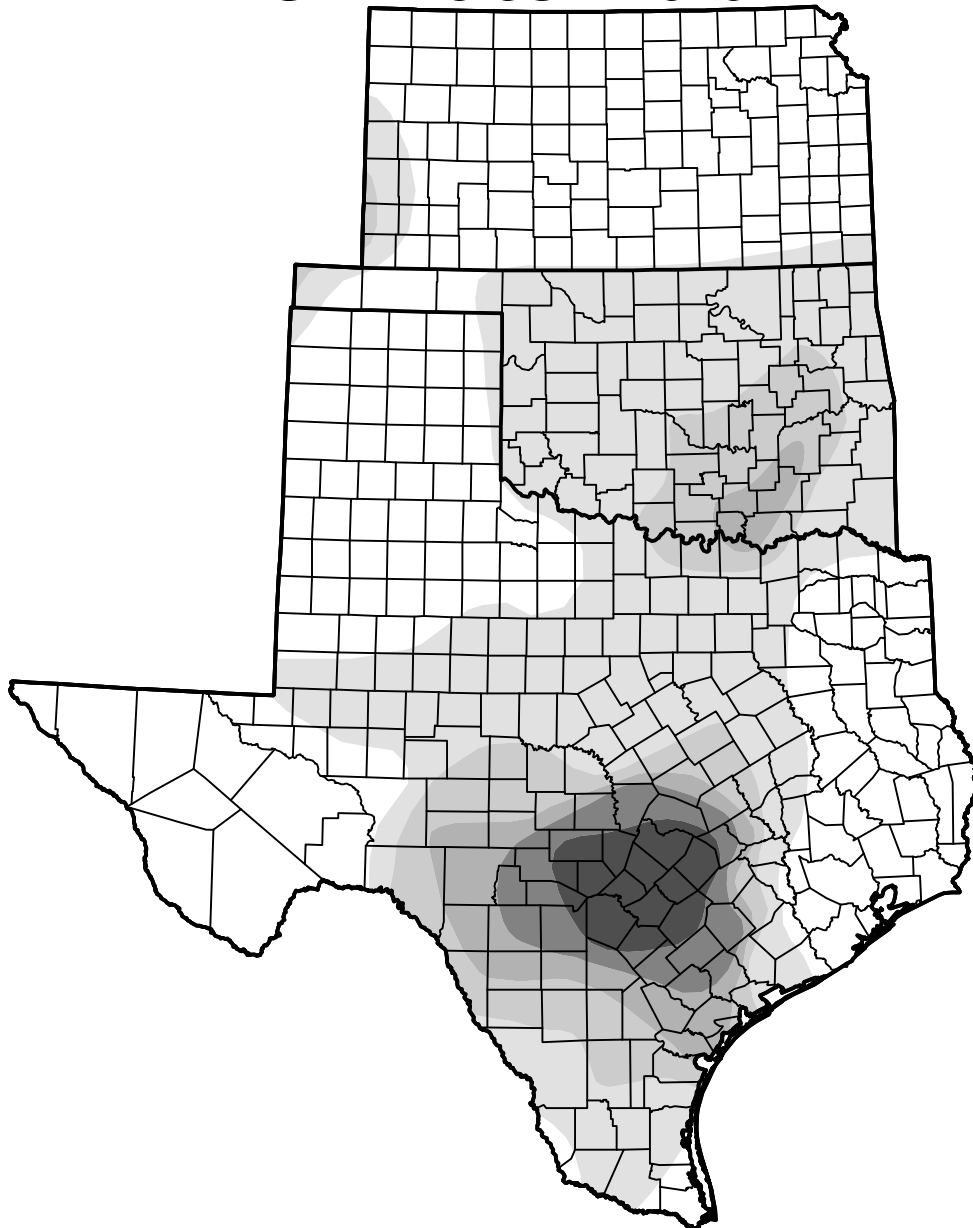


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	49.28	30.99	9.49	4.48	3.12	2.64
Last Week 12-16-2008	57.48	22.79	9.49	4.48	3.12	2.64
3 Months Ago 09-23-2008	75.58	8.47	8.97	5.21	1.77	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2008	59.82	30.58	9.59	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-30-2008	73.18	11.60	8.38	4.53	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago 12-25-2007	67.79	27.54	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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