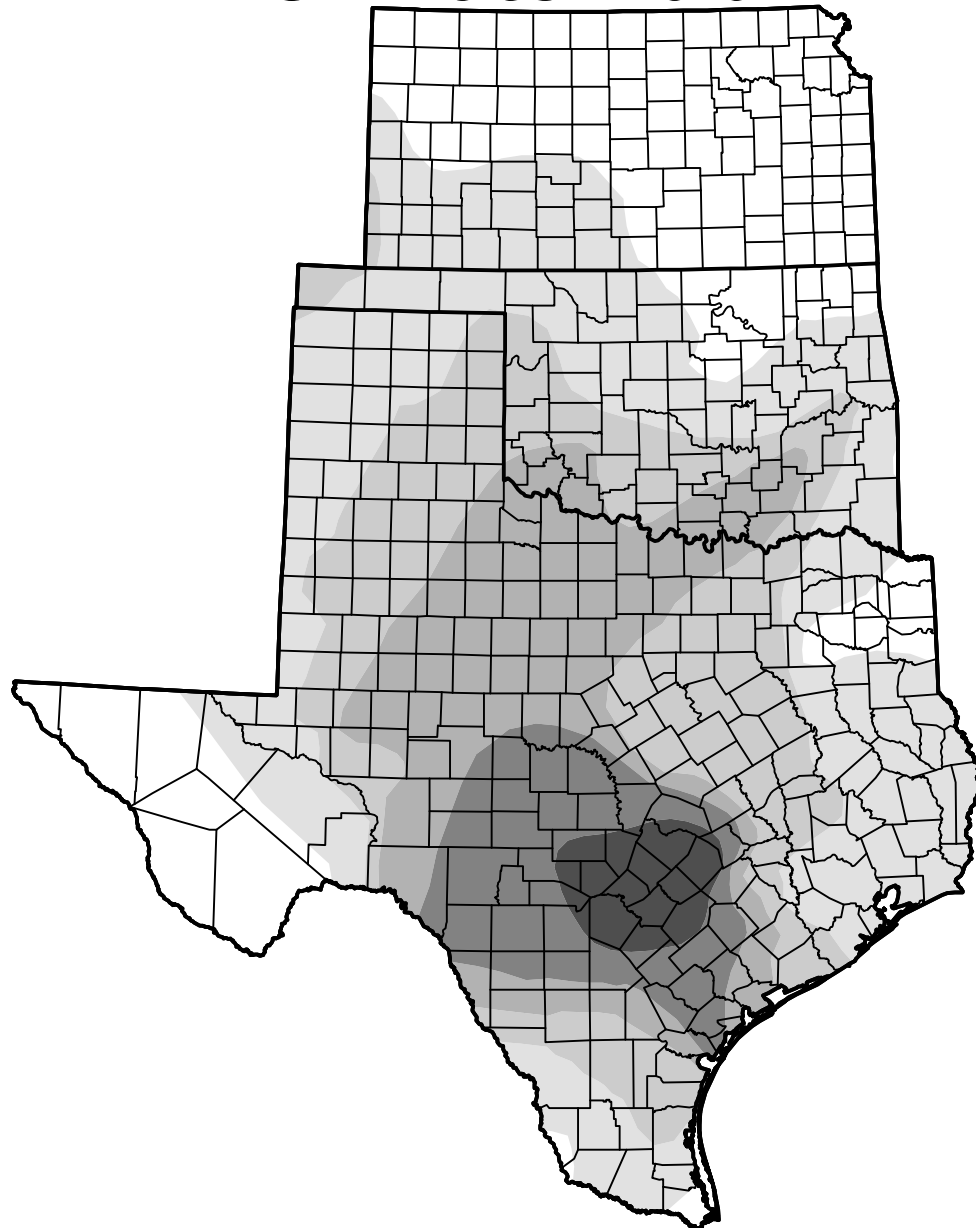


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**January 27, 2009**

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Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.82 | 75.18 | 46.17 | 25.92 | 10.47 | 2.64 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-20-2009</i>              | 40.00 | 60.00 | 33.96 | 14.88 | 10.19 | 2.64 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>10-28-2008</i>           | 70.18 | 29.82 | 15.14 | 9.65  | 3.20  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 43.88 | 17.73 | 10.08 | 5.76  | 2.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 26.82 | 15.22 | 6.84  | 2.31  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>01-29-2008</i>           | 35.96 | 64.04 | 18.29 | 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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