

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

**February 10, 2009**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 12, 2009)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 21.14 | 78.86 | 51.76 | 30.91 | 12.44 | 4.84 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-03-2009</i>              | 22.36 | 77.64 | 50.29 | 30.71 | 12.44 | 4.23 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-11-2008</i>           | 68.44 | 31.56 | 15.65 | 9.22  | 4.31  | 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>02-12-2008</i>           | 29.55 | 70.45 | 28.06 | 7.53  | 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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