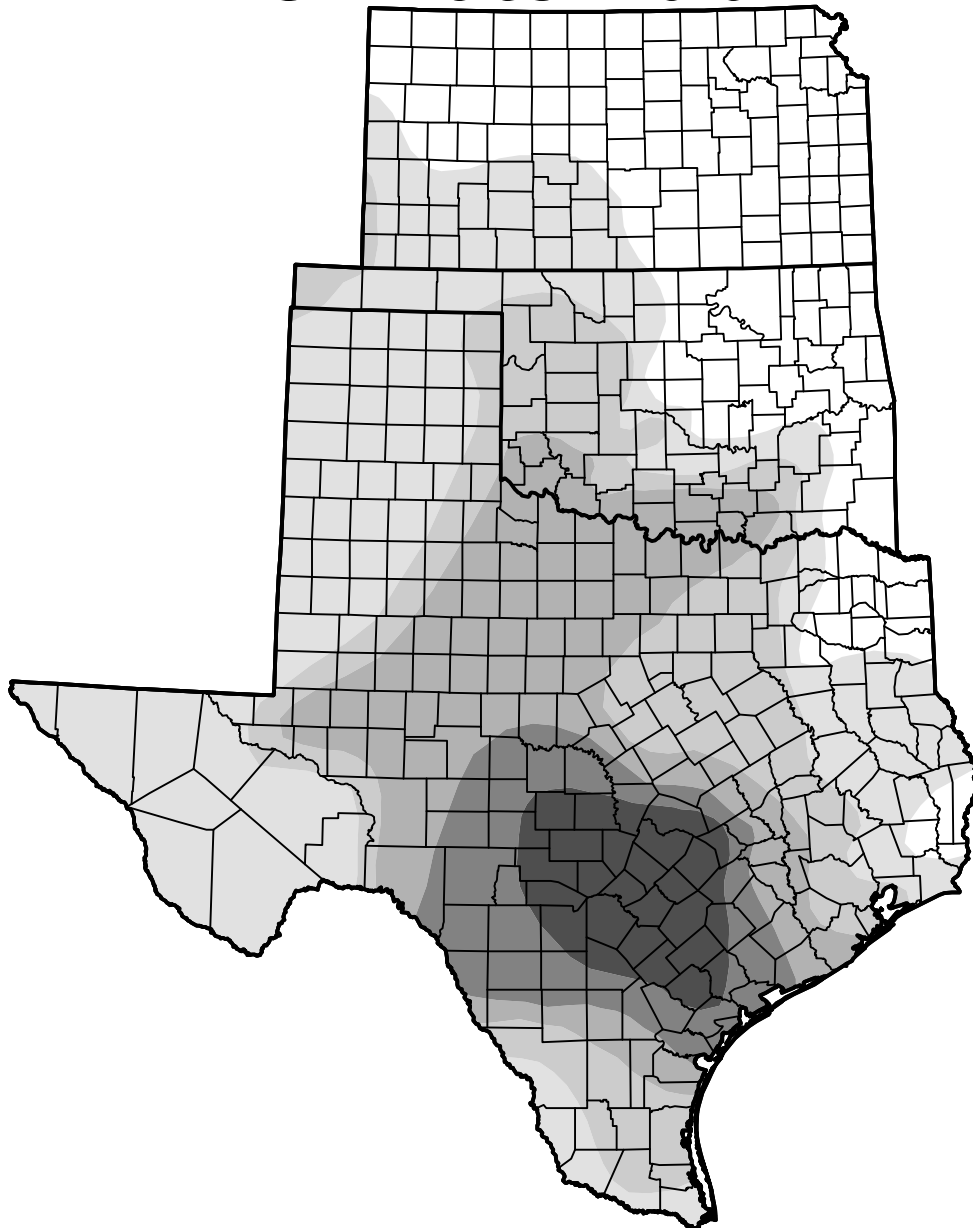


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**February 17, 2009**  
*(Released Thursday, Feb. 19, 2009)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 24.46 | 29.85 | 16.30 | 16.72 | 7.23 | 5.44 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-10-2009</i>              | 21.14 | 27.10 | 20.85 | 18.48 | 7.60 | 4.84 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-18-2008</i>           | 68.67 | 15.93 | 6.47  | 4.99  | 3.94 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 26.16 | 7.65  | 4.31  | 3.12 | 2.64 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 11.60 | 8.38  | 4.53  | 2.31 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-19-2008</i>           | 43.06 | 28.39 | 19.15 | 8.43  | 0.97 | 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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