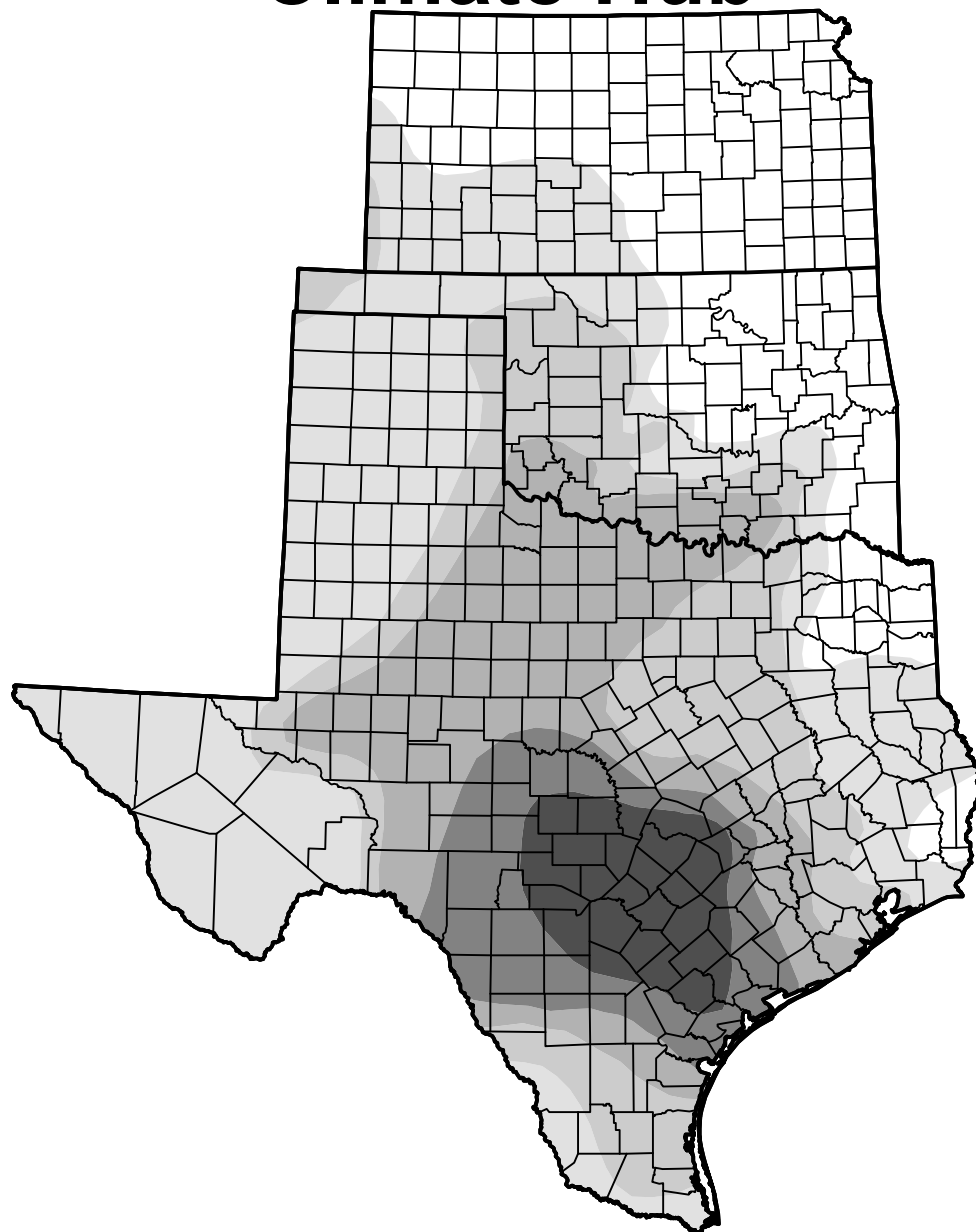


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.46	75.54	45.69	29.39	12.67	5.44
Last Week <i>02-10-2009</i>	21.14	78.86	51.76	30.91	12.44	4.84
3 Months Ago <i>11-18-2008</i>	68.67	31.33	15.40	8.93	3.94	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	26.82	15.22	6.84	2.31	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-19-2008</i>	43.06	56.94	28.55	9.40	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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