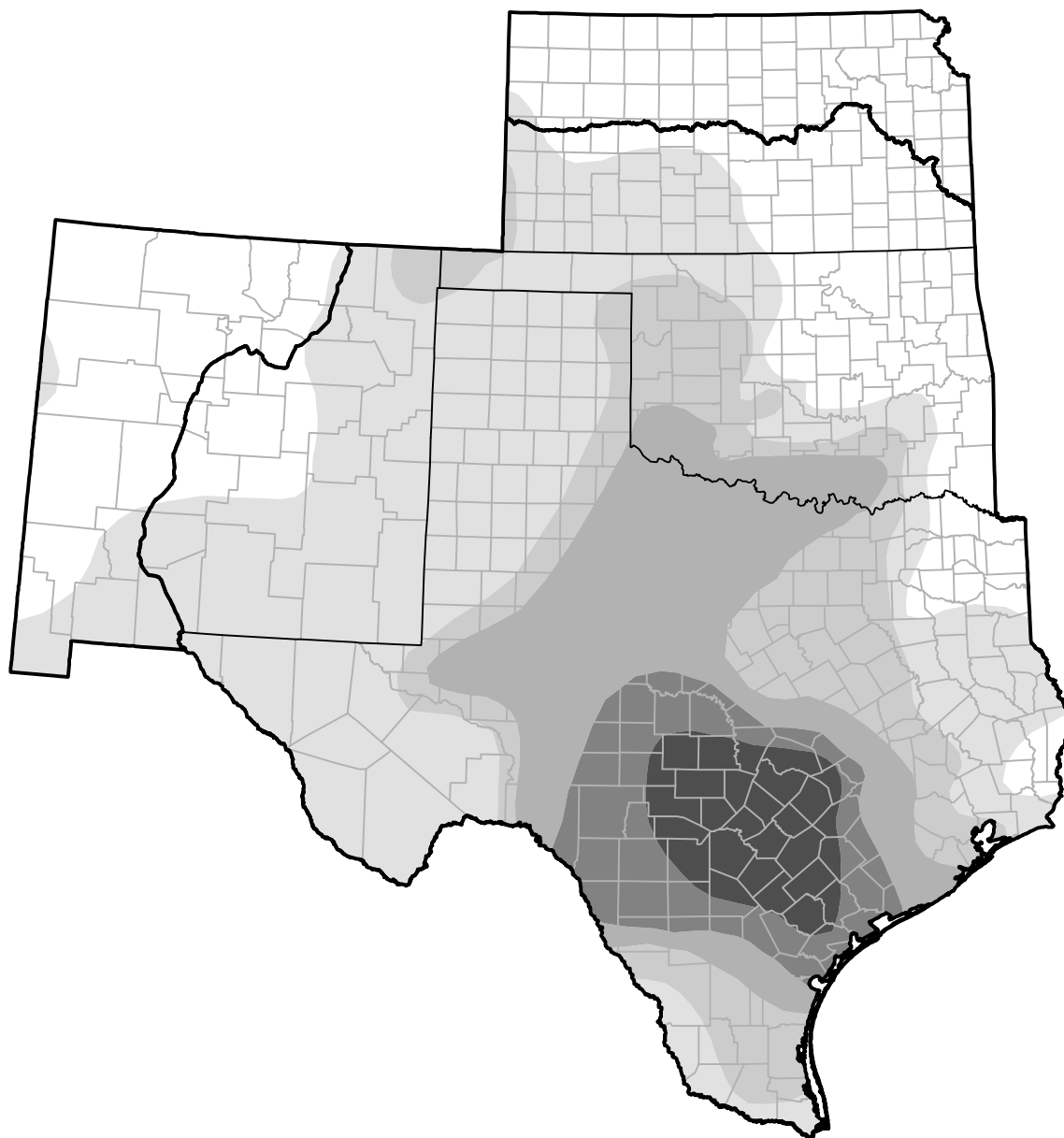


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	21.74	78.26	41.99	26.86	11.58	4.97
Last Week <i>02-12-2009</i>	18.81	81.19	47.57	28.25	11.37	4.42
3 Months Ago <i>11-20-2008</i>	61.79	38.21	14.35	8.16	3.60	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	47.43	16.48	9.21	5.27	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-21-2008</i>	38.56	61.44	26.23	8.59	0.88	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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