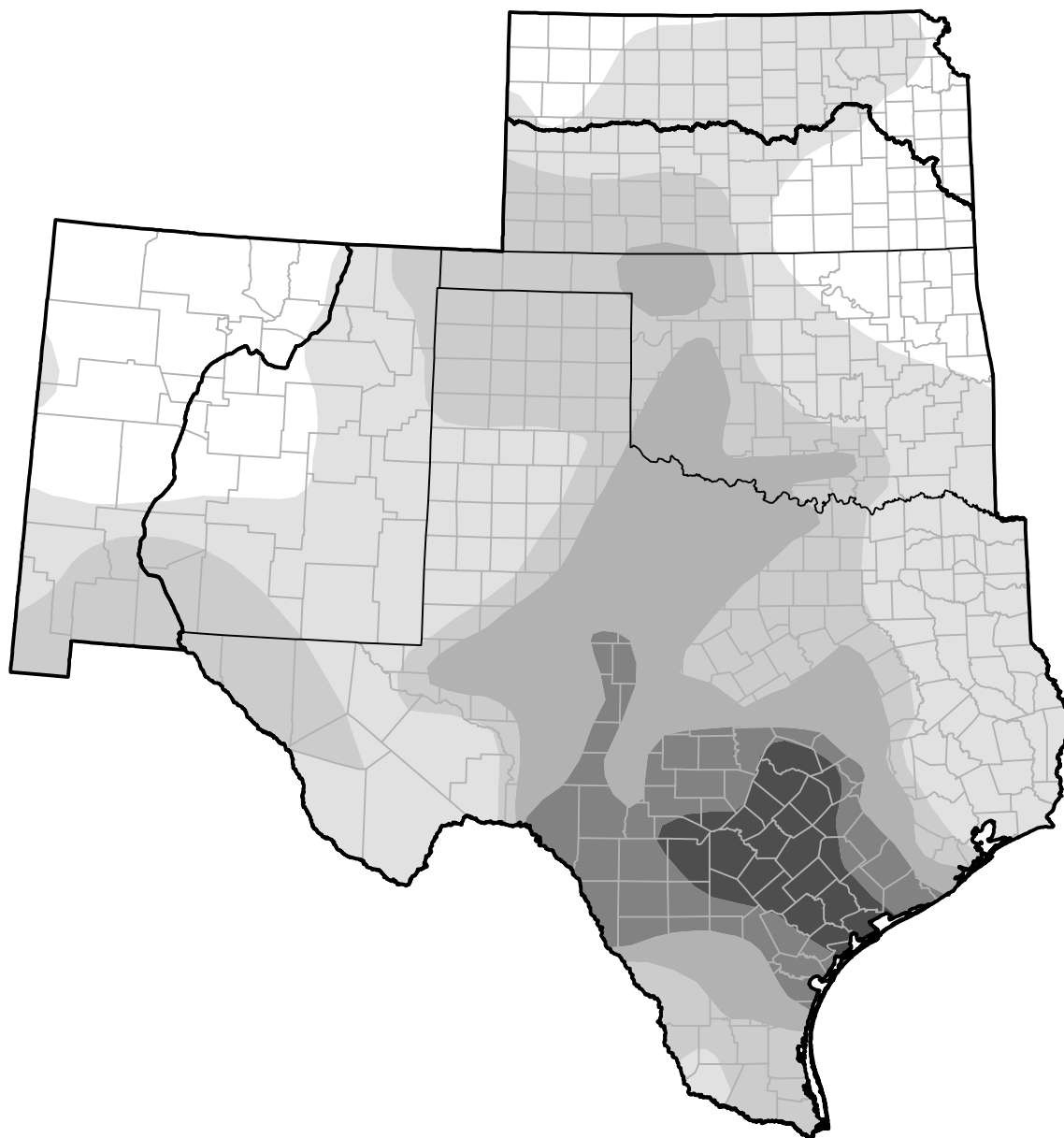


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.68	32.25	24.48	17.09	7.39	4.11
Last Week <i>03-12-2009</i>	14.68	23.85	32.17	16.27	7.46	5.57
3 Months Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	51.96	29.73	8.95	4.09	2.86	2.41
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	30.95	7.26	3.94	2.86	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	16.59	6.85	3.95	2.11	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-20-2008</i>	41.52	17.48	31.83	6.88	2.28	0.00

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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