

# 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   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 8.31  | 91.69 | 62.66 | 33.27 | 13.70 | 4.50 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-17-2009</i>              | 10.24 | 89.76 | 56.51 | 31.40 | 12.58 | 4.50 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2008</i>           | 49.28 | 50.72 | 19.73 | 10.24 | 5.76  | 2.64 |
| <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>03-25-2008</i>           | 47.76 | 52.24 | 31.74 | 7.18  | 2.49  | 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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