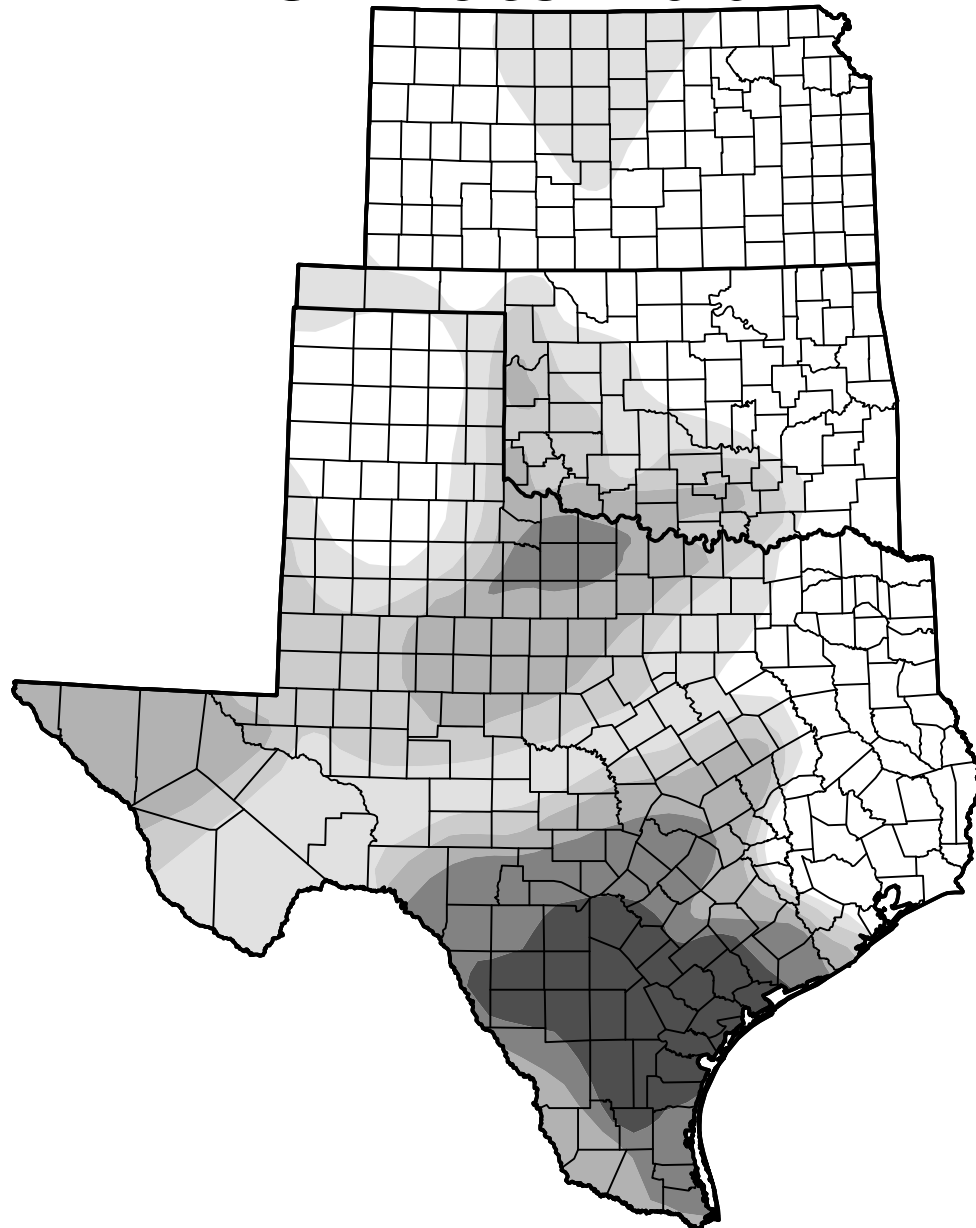


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	40.61	59.39	40.01	27.69	13.59	6.18
Last Week <i>04-21-2009</i>	37.22	62.78	43.34	30.63	14.44	7.12
3 Months Ago <i>01-27-2009</i>	24.82	75.18	46.17	25.92	10.47	2.64
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>04-29-2008</i>	51.38	48.62	33.77	21.51	6.70	2.11

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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