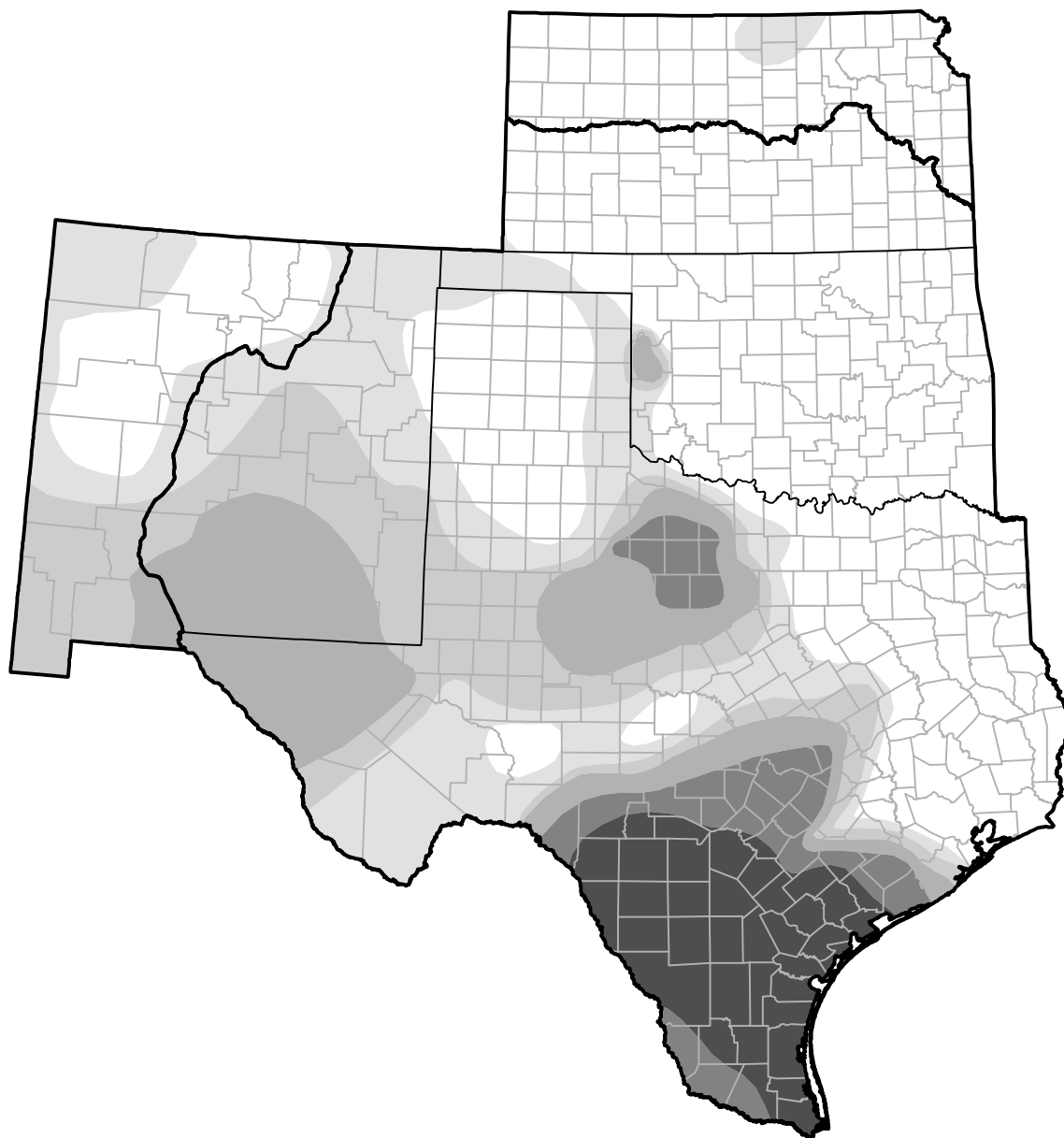


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**May 12, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 37.81 | 62.19 | 41.90 | 26.84 | 13.75 | 8.65 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-07-2009</i>              | 35.73 | 64.27 | 41.55 | 26.63 | 12.55 | 5.65 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-12-2009</i>           | 18.81 | 81.19 | 47.57 | 28.25 | 11.37 | 4.42 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 52.57 | 47.43 | 16.48 | 9.21  | 5.27  | 2.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 70.49 | 29.51 | 12.92 | 6.06  | 2.11  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-15-2008</i>           | 47.95 | 52.05 | 35.63 | 16.60 | 4.00  | 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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