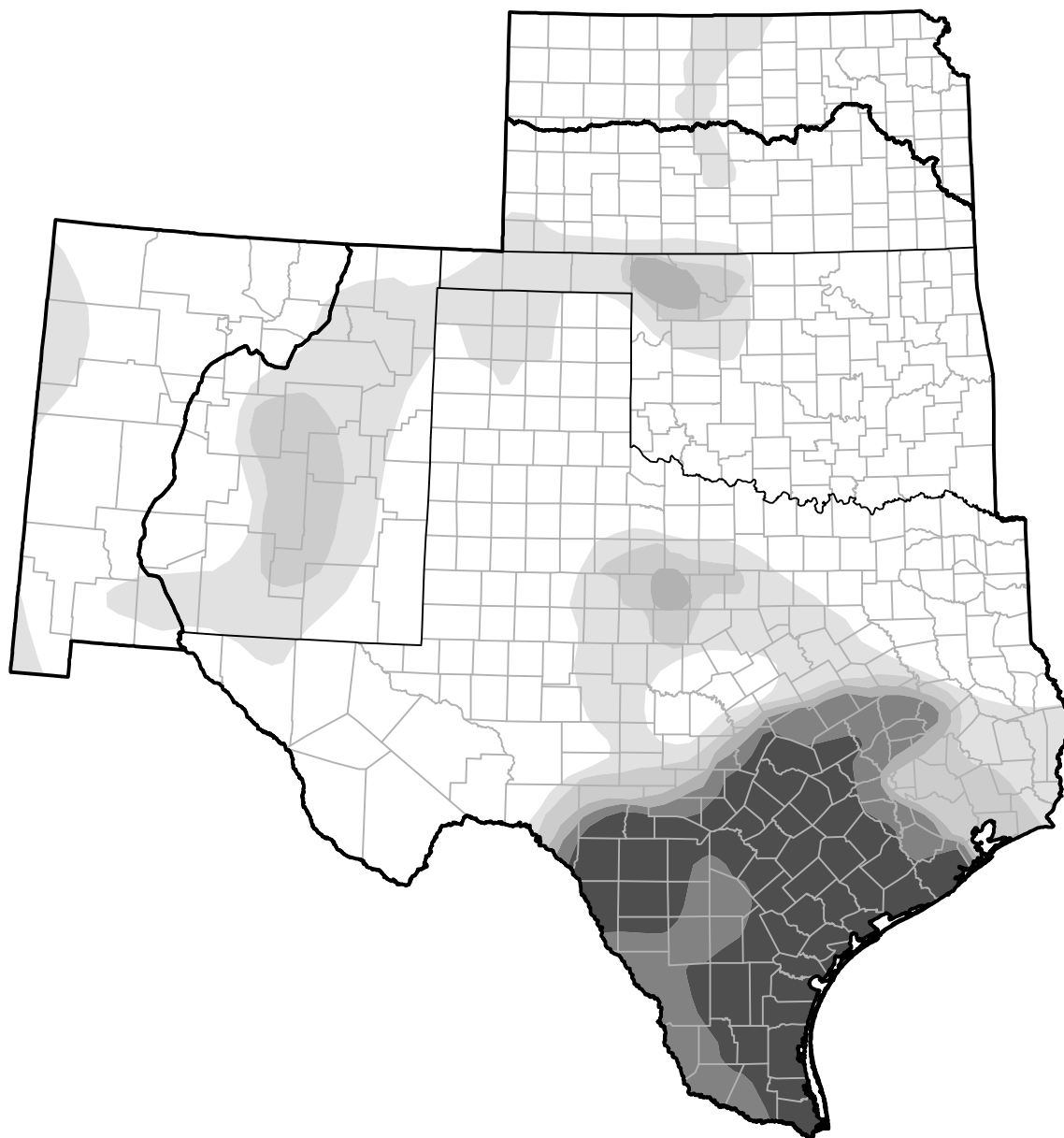


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 18, 2009**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 20, 2009)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 58.30 | 41.70 | 23.74 | 17.21 | 15.51 | 10.52 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-13-2009</i>              | 57.48 | 42.52 | 23.70 | 17.30 | 15.45 | 9.77  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-21-2009</i>           | 38.37 | 61.63 | 43.69 | 28.10 | 11.88 | 4.94  |
| <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>08-21-2008</i>           | 46.97 | 53.03 | 25.30 | 13.15 | 4.23  | 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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