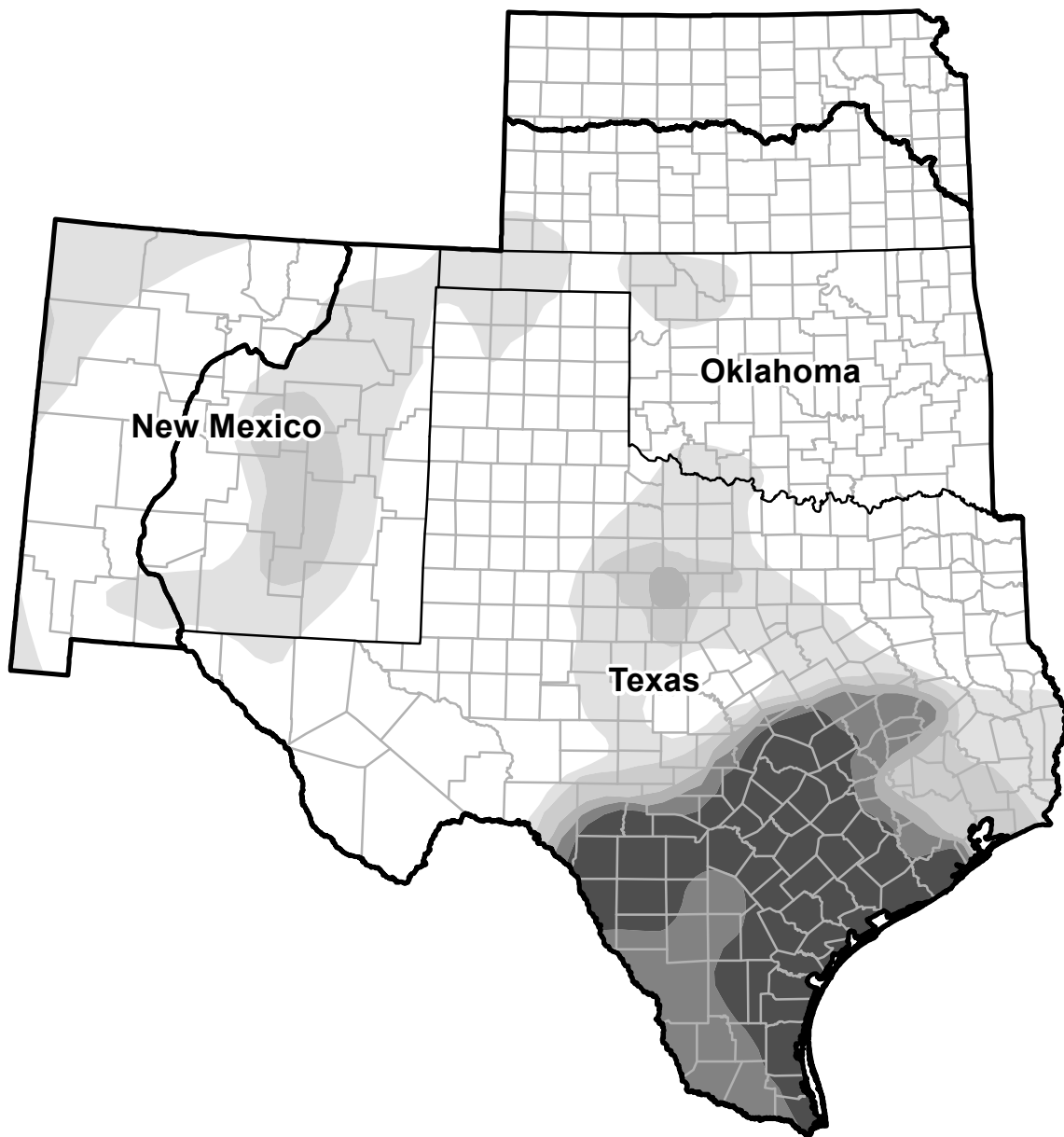


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.57	42.43	23.68	17.37	15.94	10.45
Last Week <i>08-25-2009</i>	57.27	42.73	24.33	17.37	15.94	11.34
3 Months Ago <i>06-02-2009</i>	40.41	59.59	36.88	19.87	9.99	3.92
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	55.60	44.40	17.22	9.56	5.47	2.50
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	69.61	30.39	14.85	6.49	2.19	0.00
One Year Ago <i>09-02-2008</i>	52.49	47.51	19.02	7.04	1.87	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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