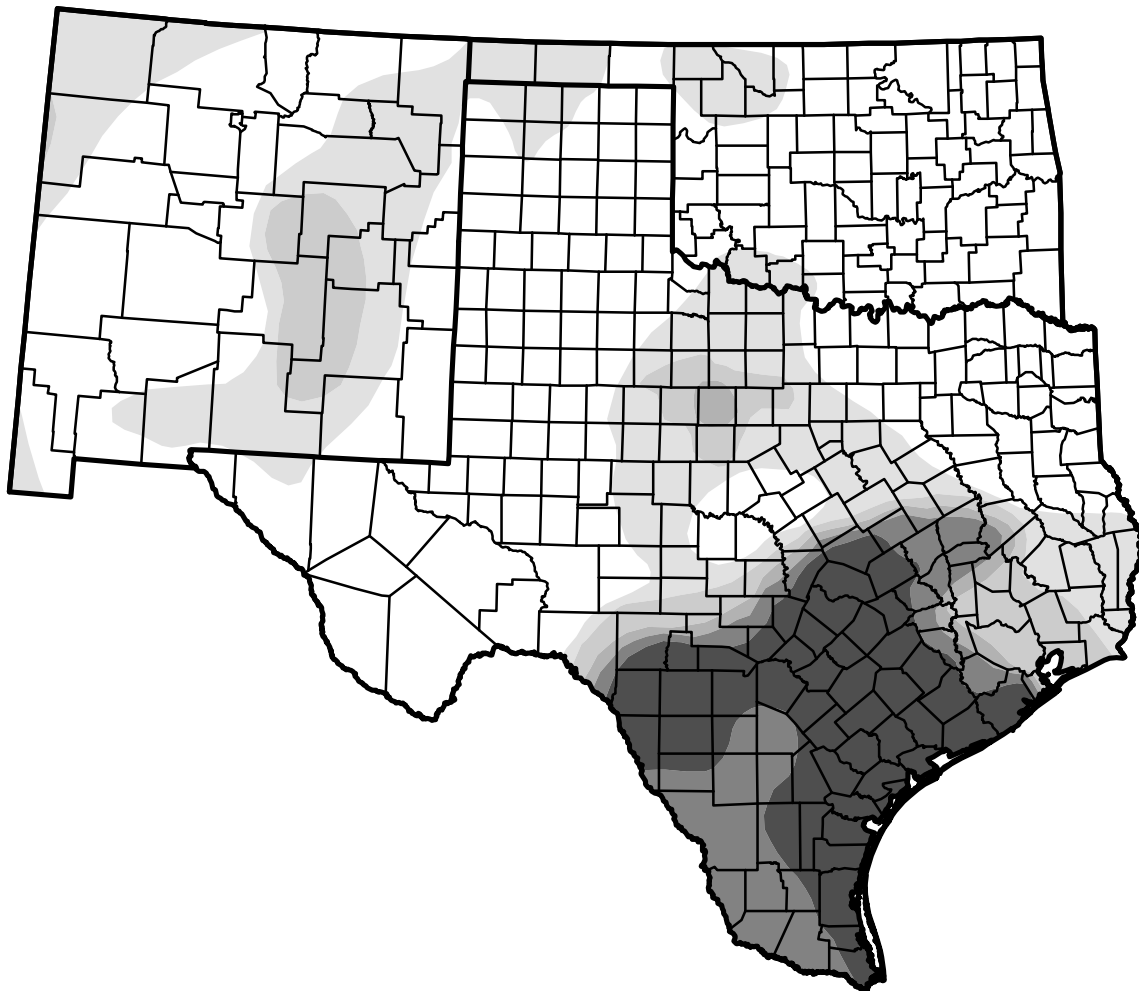


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains Area

**September 1, 2009**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	56.18	43.82	22.89	16.74	15.37	10.07
<b>Last Week</b> <i>08-25-2009</i>	57.16	42.84	23.52	16.74	15.37	10.93
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>06-02-2009</i>	39.75	60.25	36.18	19.15	9.63	3.78
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	52.58	47.42	16.47	9.21	5.27	2.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	70.49	29.51	12.92	6.06	2.11	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>09-02-2008</i>	54.35	45.65	16.93	6.60	1.80	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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