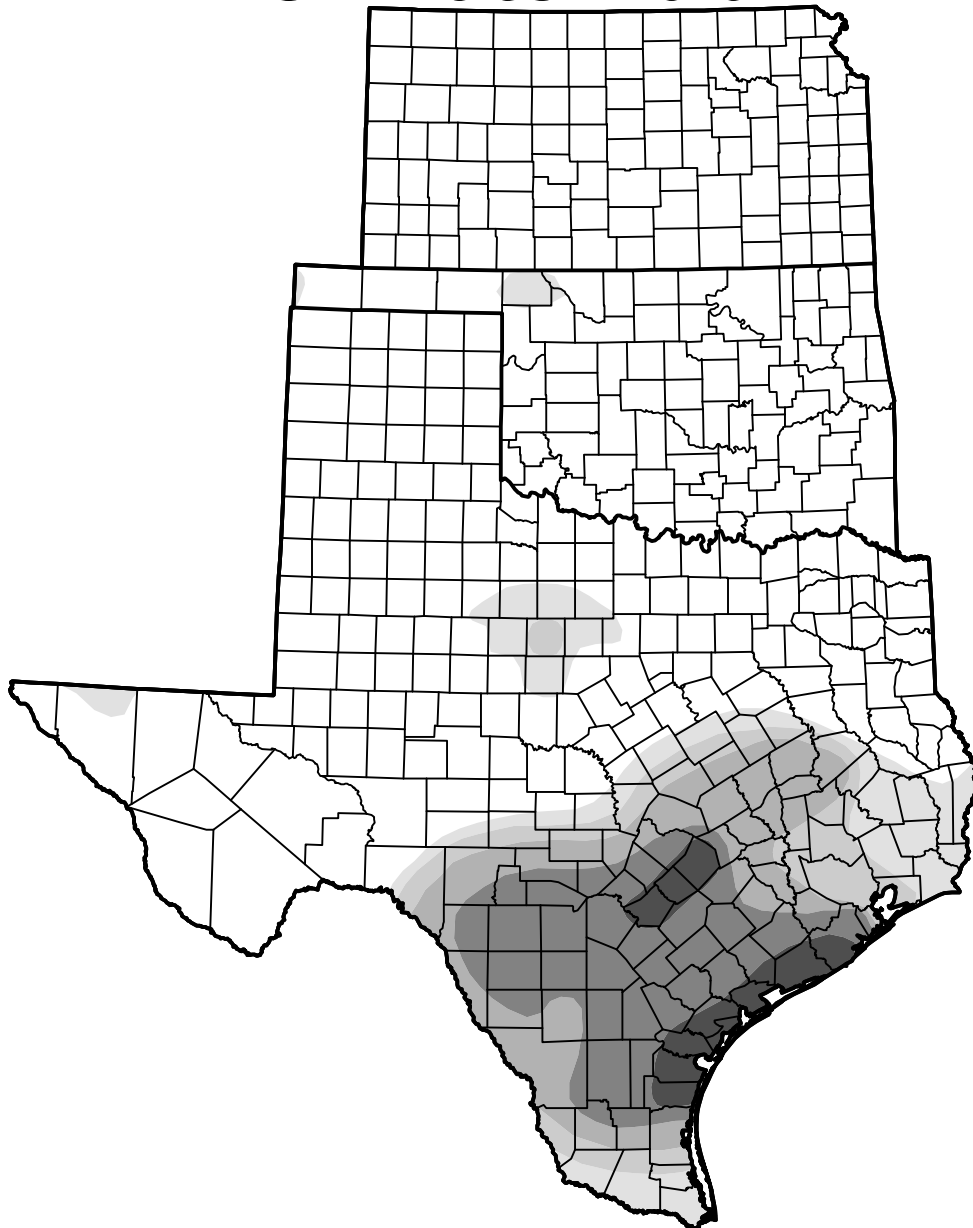


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**September 15, 2009**  
(Released Thursday, Sep. 17, 2009)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 74.67 | 25.33 | 19.46 | 16.02 | 10.06 | 2.14  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>09-08-2009</i>              | 67.04 | 32.96 | 23.21 | 18.11 | 15.84 | 10.21 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>06-16-2009</i>           | 42.74 | 57.26 | 31.61 | 17.70 | 10.51 | 4.86  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 43.88 | 17.73 | 10.08 | 5.76  | 2.64  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 73.18 | 26.82 | 15.22 | 6.84  | 2.31  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2008</i>           | 76.10 | 23.90 | 15.75 | 5.71  | 1.52  | 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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