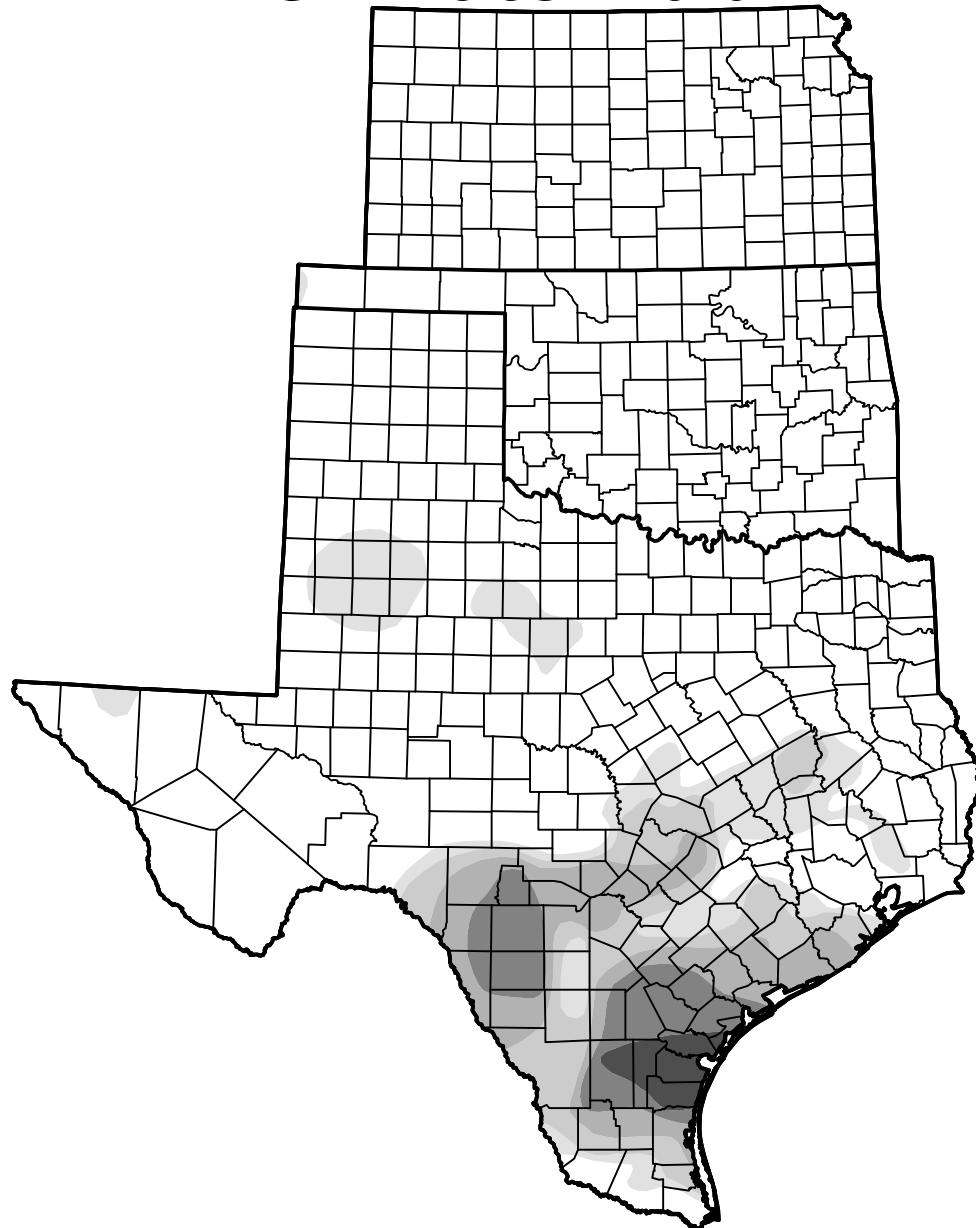


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	80.16	6.63	4.73	4.51	3.04	0.93
Last Week <i>10-06-2009</i>	78.08	7.70	5.00	4.91	3.38	0.93
3 Months Ago <i>07-14-2009</i>	40.45	27.44	13.03	3.35	4.35	11.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.66	5.67	3.72	6.12	5.83	1.99
One Year Ago <i>10-14-2008</i>	76.47	11.27	5.18	4.21	2.86	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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