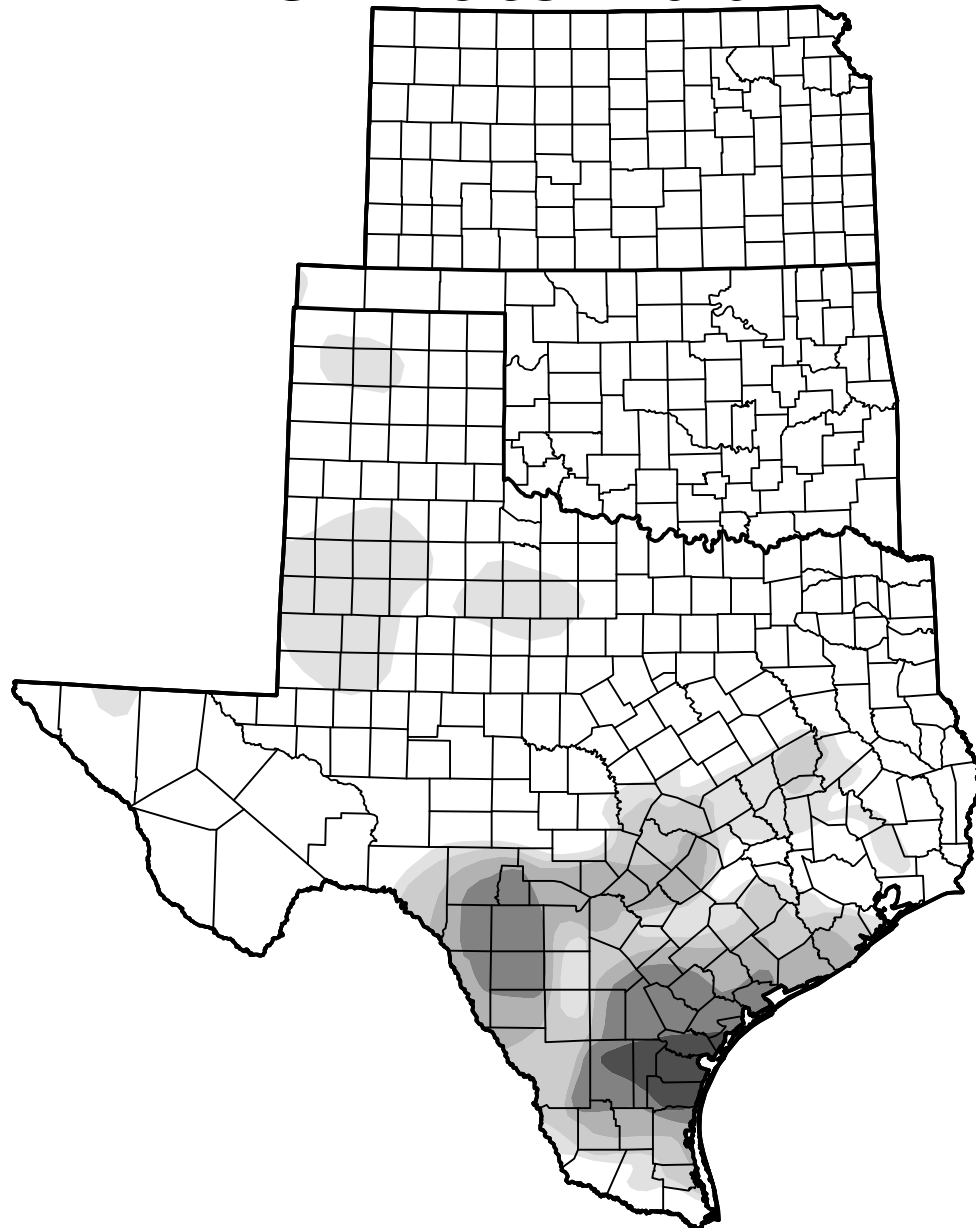


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	77.71	9.05	4.52	4.36	3.42	0.93
Last Week <i>10-13-2009</i>	80.16	6.63	4.73	4.51	3.04	0.93
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2009</i>	43.72	27.64	9.82	3.15	5.18	10.48
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>10-21-2008</i>	76.33	11.50	4.71	4.59	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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