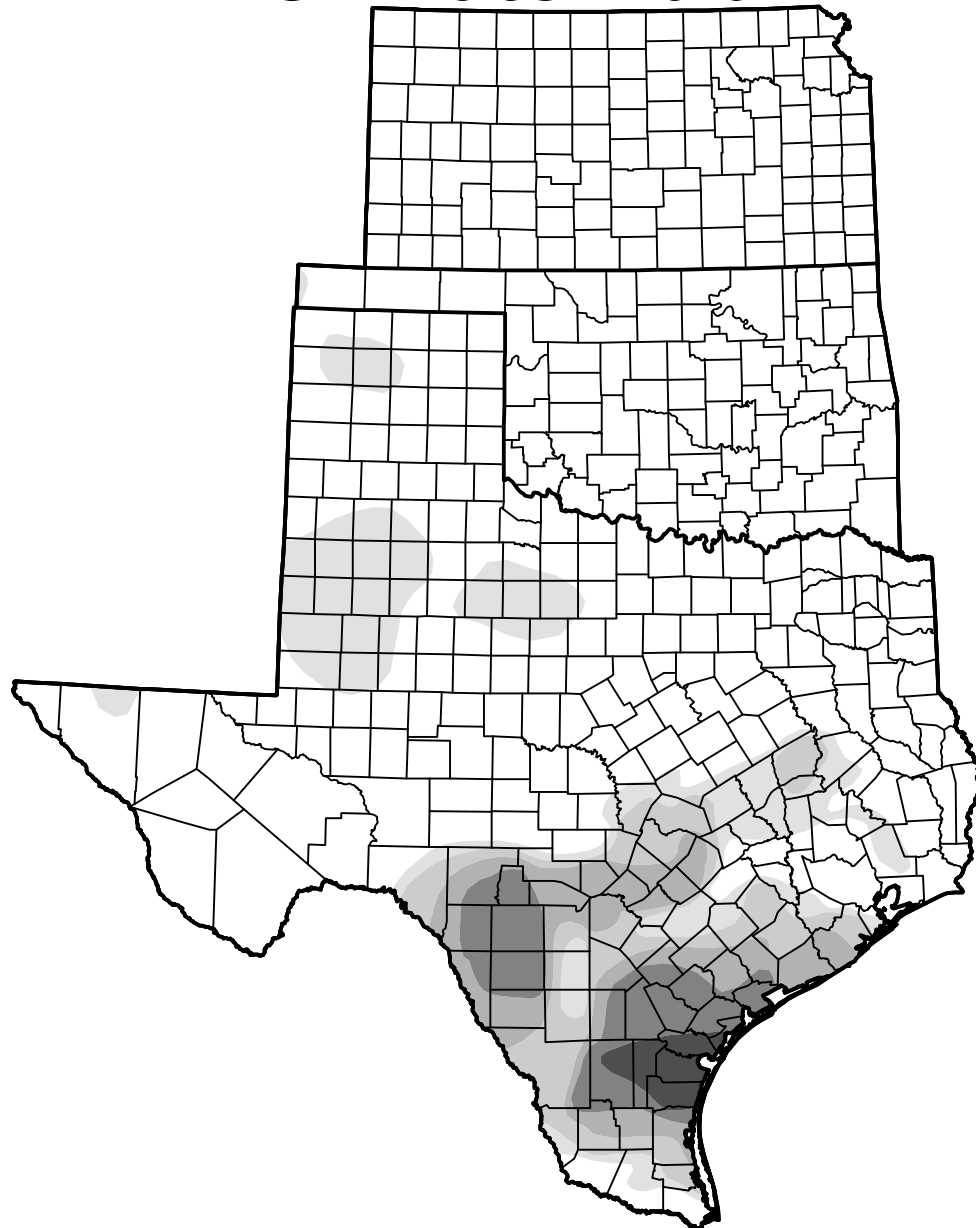


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USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	77.71	22.29	13.24	8.71	4.35	0.93
Last Week <i>10-13-2009</i>	80.16	19.84	13.21	8.48	3.97	0.93
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2009</i>	43.72	56.28	28.64	18.81	15.66	10.48
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2009</i>	76.66	23.34	17.67	13.94	7.82	1.99
One Year Ago <i>10-21-2008</i>	76.33	23.67	12.17	7.46	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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