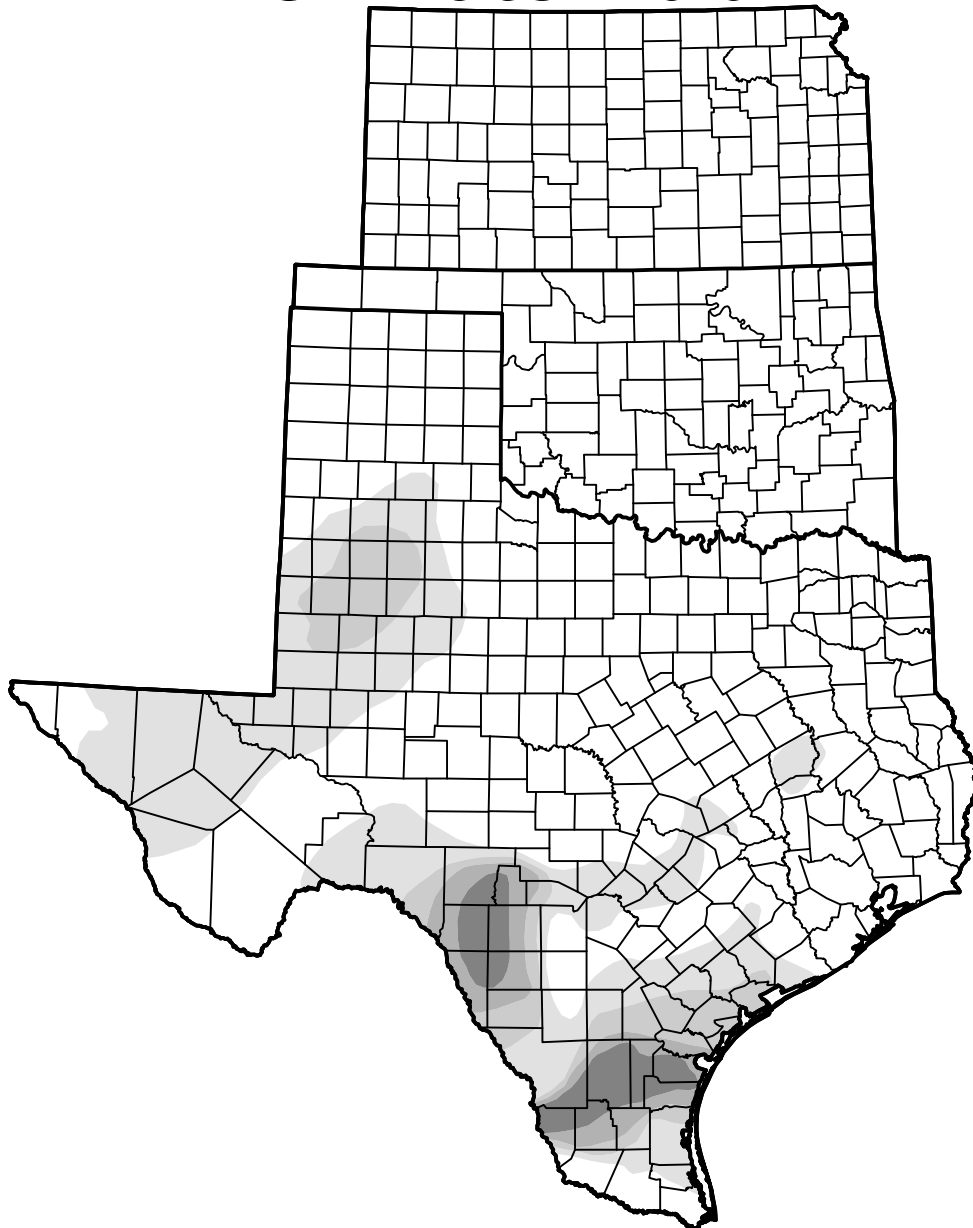


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub



**December 1, 2009**

*(Released Thursday, Dec. 3, 2009)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|------|------|------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 78.43 | 13.88 | 3.95 | 1.88 | 1.86 | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-24-2009</i>              | 78.38 | 13.18 | 4.26 | 1.85 | 1.92 | 0.41  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-01-2009</i>           | 64.18 | 13.37 | 4.14 | 1.50 | 5.80 | 11.02 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 56.12 | 26.16 | 7.65 | 4.31 | 3.12 | 2.64  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 76.66 | 5.67  | 3.72 | 6.12 | 5.83 | 1.99  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-02-2008</i>           | 61.64 | 21.20 | 8.12 | 4.30 | 3.95 | 0.79  |

#### 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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