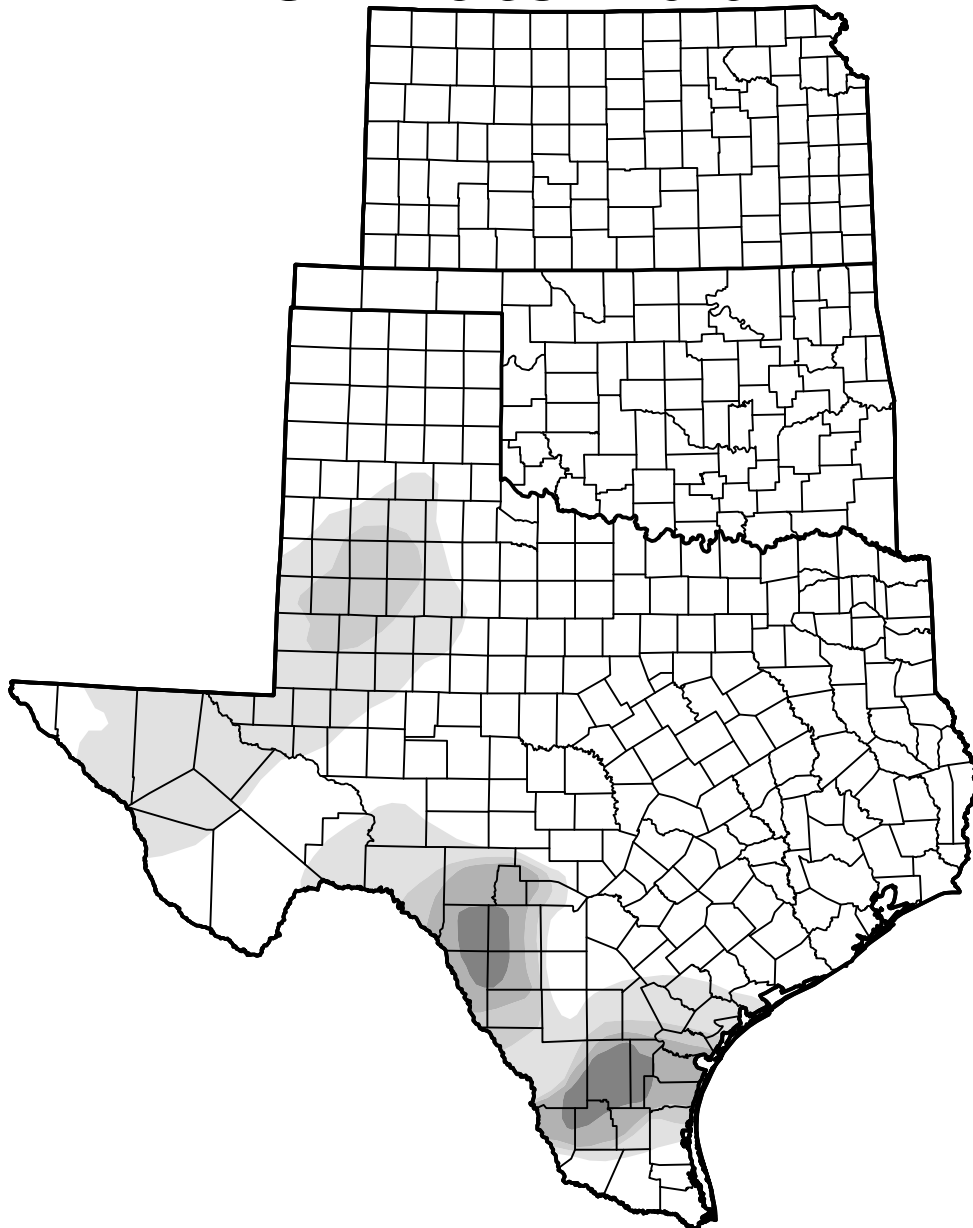


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	81.72	18.28	6.81	3.74	1.31	0.00
Last Week <i>12-01-2009</i>	78.43	21.57	7.69	3.74	1.86	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-08-2009</i>	67.04	32.96	23.21	18.11	15.84	10.21
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>12-09-2008</i>	59.58	40.42	19.73	10.24	5.16	2.03

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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