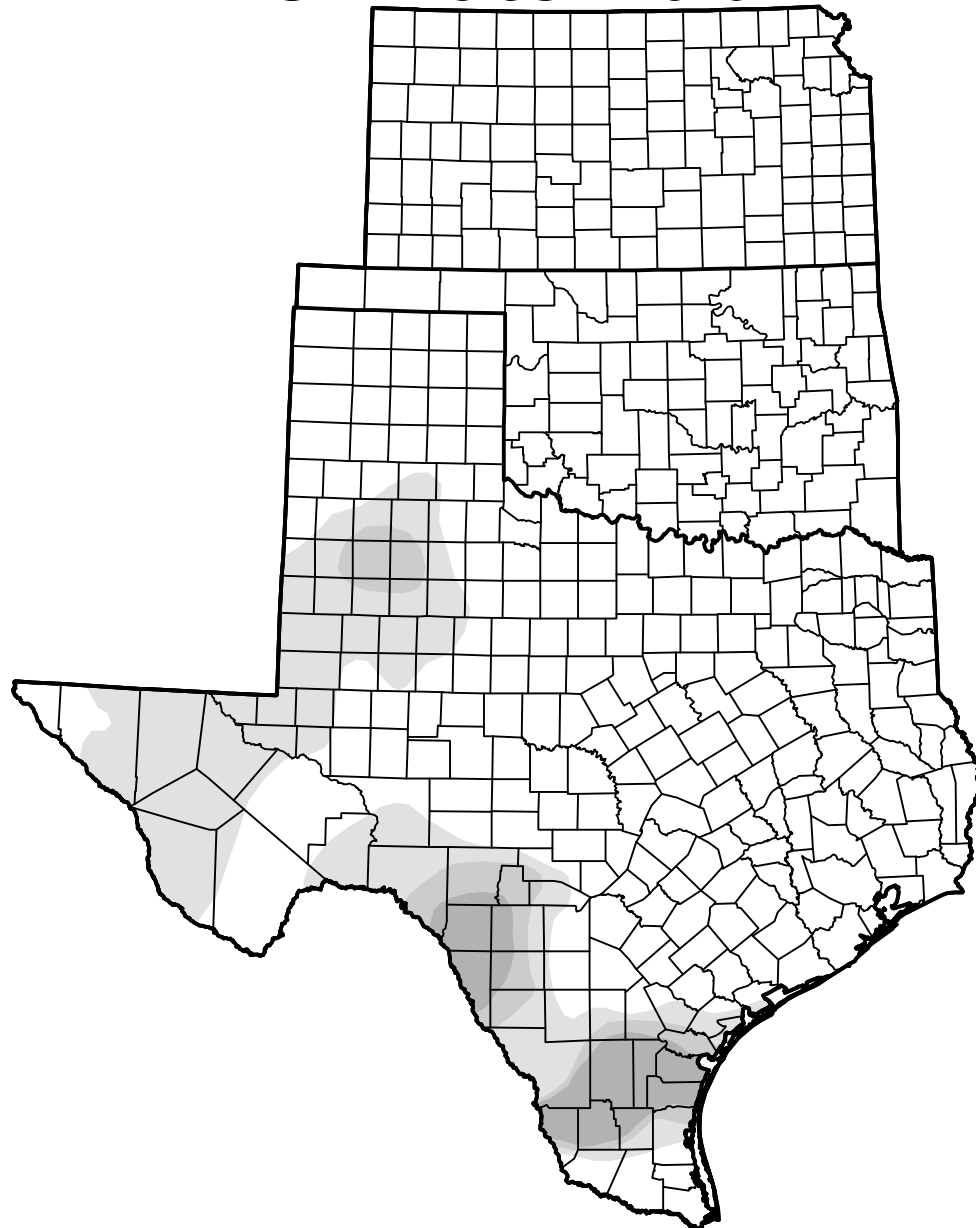


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	82.07	17.93	5.38	2.90	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-08-2009	81.72	18.28	6.81	3.74	1.31	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-15-2009	74.67	25.33	19.46	16.02	10.06	2.14
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	76.66	23.34	17.67	13.94	7.82	1.99
One Year Ago 12-16-2008	57.48	42.52	19.73	10.24	5.76	2.64

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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