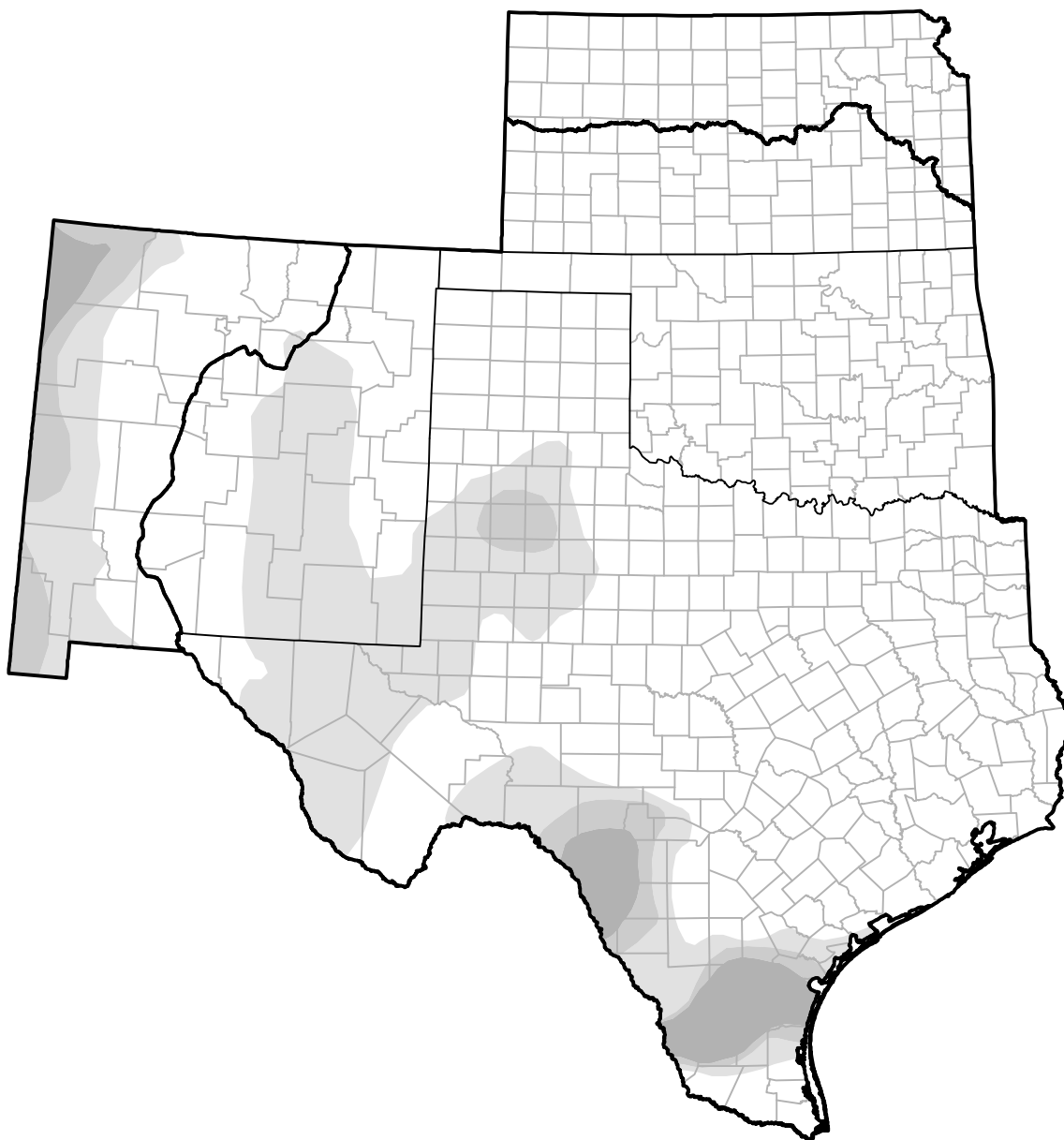


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	72.14	27.86	7.61	3.25	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2009</i>	71.82	28.18	8.91	4.23	1.20	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2009</i>	64.97	35.03	20.80	14.64	9.19	1.96
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	47.43	16.48	9.21	5.27	2.41
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2009</i>	71.51	28.49	16.94	12.74	7.15	1.82
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	51.96	48.04	18.31	9.36	5.27	2.41

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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