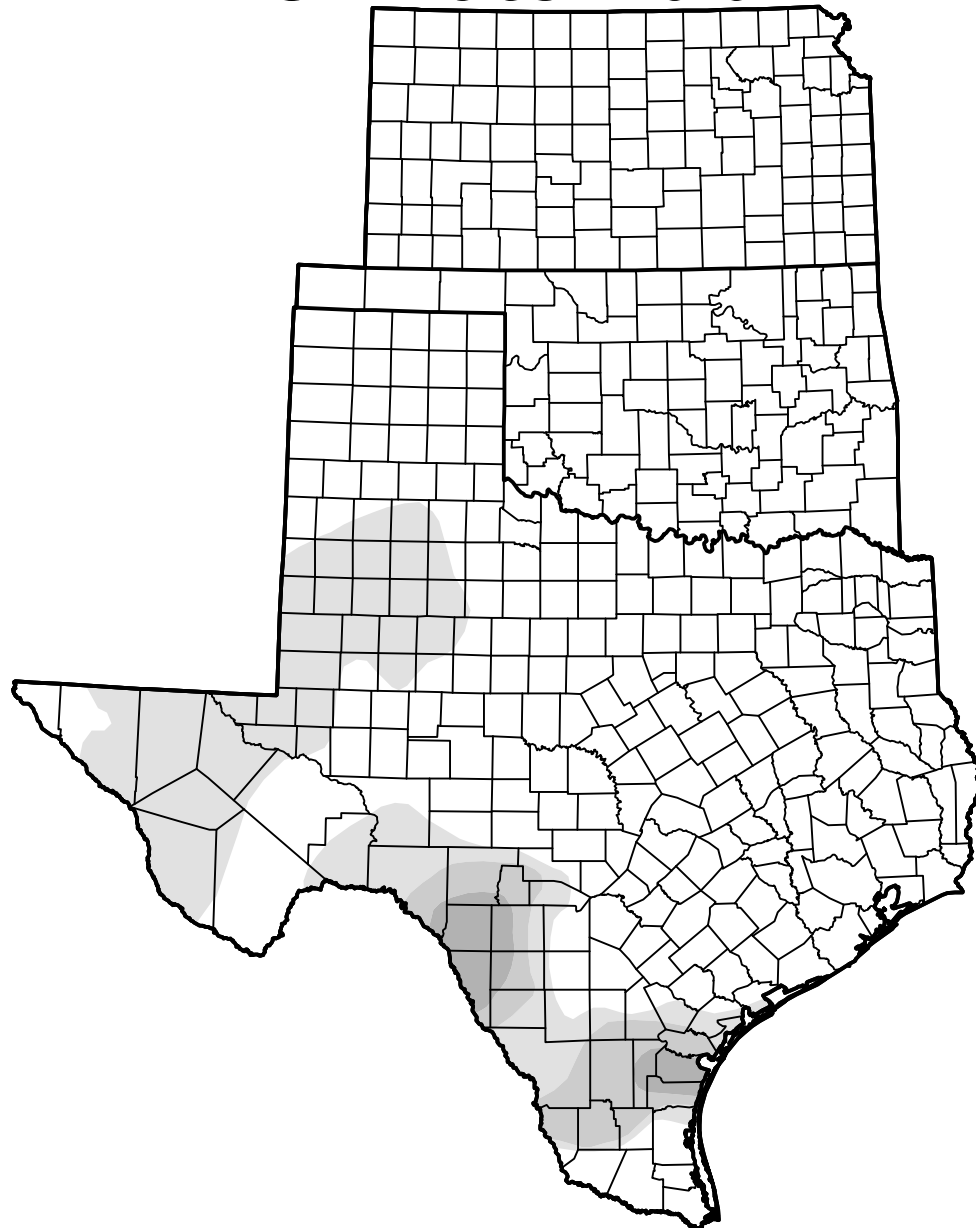


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	82.78	12.78	2.97	1.47	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-22-2009	82.38	12.44	3.70	1.47	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-29-2009	76.66	5.67	3.72	6.12	5.83	1.99
Start of Calendar Year 12-30-2008	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	2.64
Start of Water Year 09-29-2009	76.66	5.67	3.72	6.12	5.83	1.99
One Year Ago 12-30-2008	56.12	26.16	7.65	4.31	3.12	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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