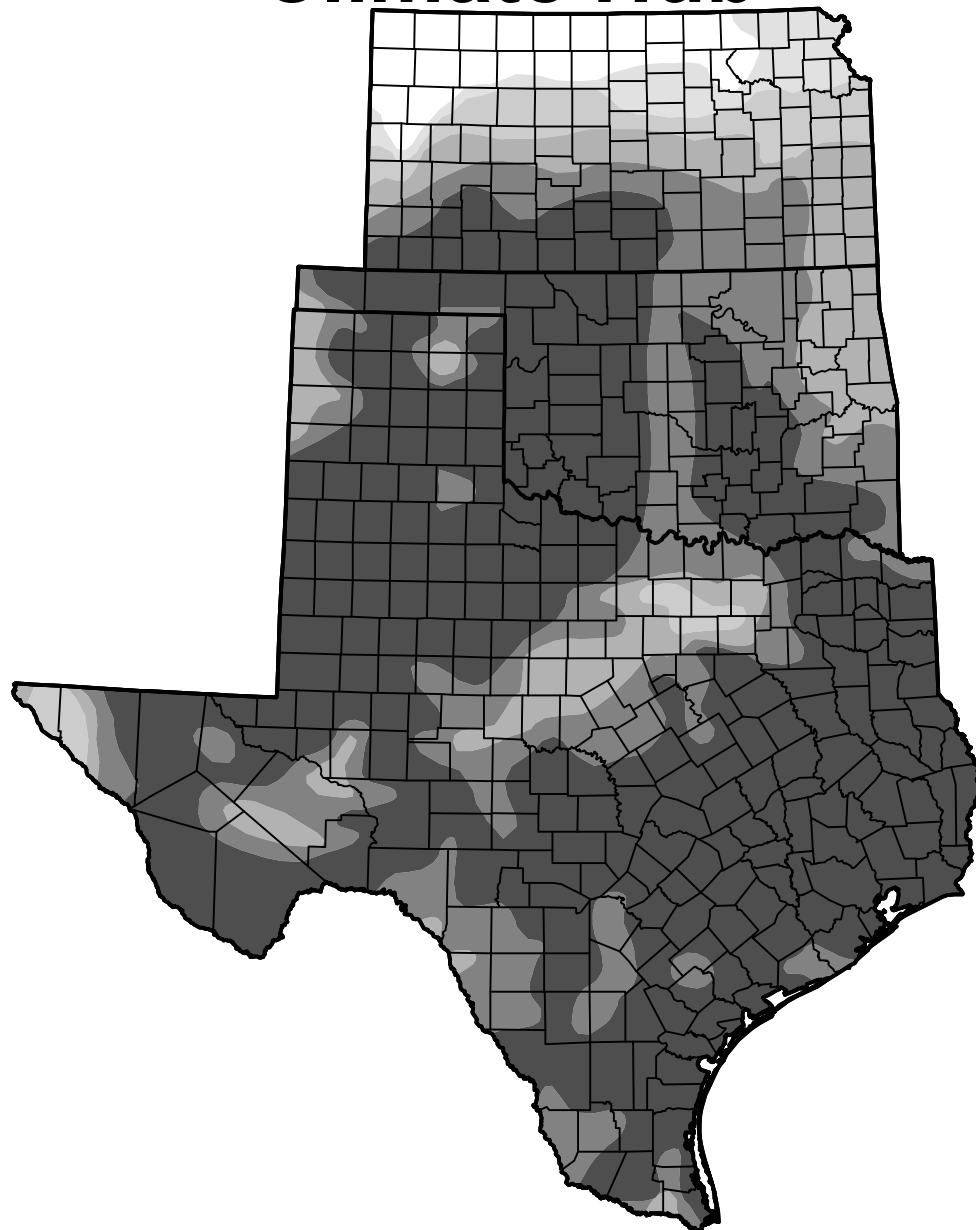


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.31	95.69	93.20	89.36	79.49	59.02
Last Week <i>10-11-2011</i>	4.09	95.91	93.26	89.52	77.00	59.35
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2011</i>	6.68	93.32	89.21	80.50	71.02	56.65
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-04-2011</i>	13.56	86.44	50.13	24.06	8.29	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	3.23	96.77	93.30	89.37	80.26	69.08
One Year Ago <i>10-19-2010</i>	58.14	41.86	9.23	0.61	0.05	0.00

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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