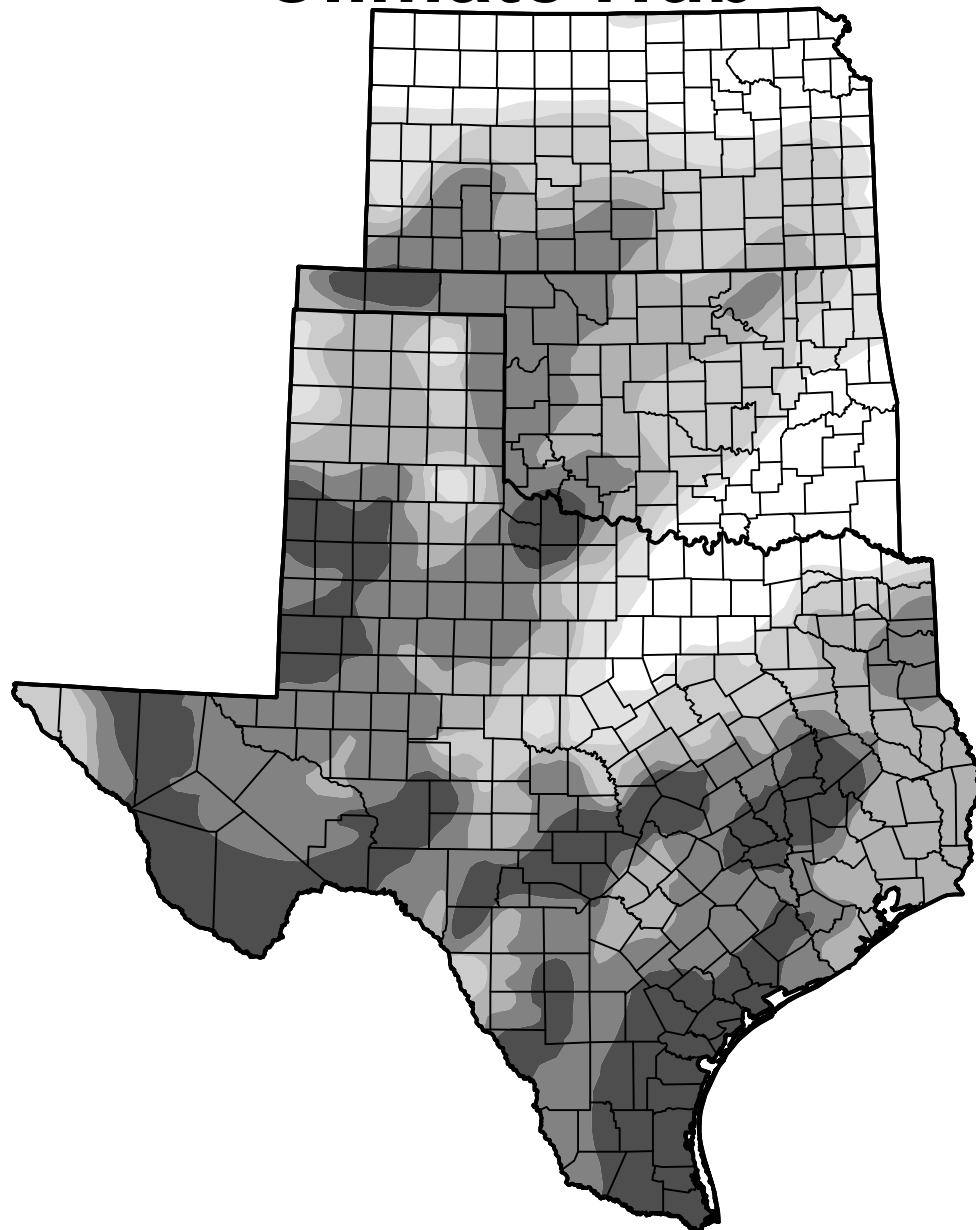


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**January 31, 2012**

*(Released Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 14.85 | 85.15 | 78.04 | 64.24 | 45.11 | 18.06 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-24-2012</i>              | 10.68 | 89.32 | 81.12 | 65.52 | 47.20 | 16.73 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-01-2011</i>           | 2.84  | 97.16 | 95.54 | 90.48 | 79.02 | 51.44 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 10.87 | 89.13 | 84.64 | 66.92 | 49.90 | 21.26 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 3.23  | 96.77 | 93.30 | 89.37 | 80.26 | 69.08 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-01-2011</i>           | 15.88 | 84.12 | 52.00 | 23.92 | 4.40  | 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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