

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 13.95 | 86.05 | 72.15 | 50.37 | 29.76 | 13.62 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-06-2012</i>              | 14.71 | 85.29 | 75.74 | 55.92 | 31.74 | 13.79 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-13-2011</i>           | 7.29  | 92.71 | 86.74 | 71.88 | 56.75 | 26.87 |
| <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>03-15-2011</i>           | 7.93  | 92.07 | 73.60 | 43.28 | 11.19 | 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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