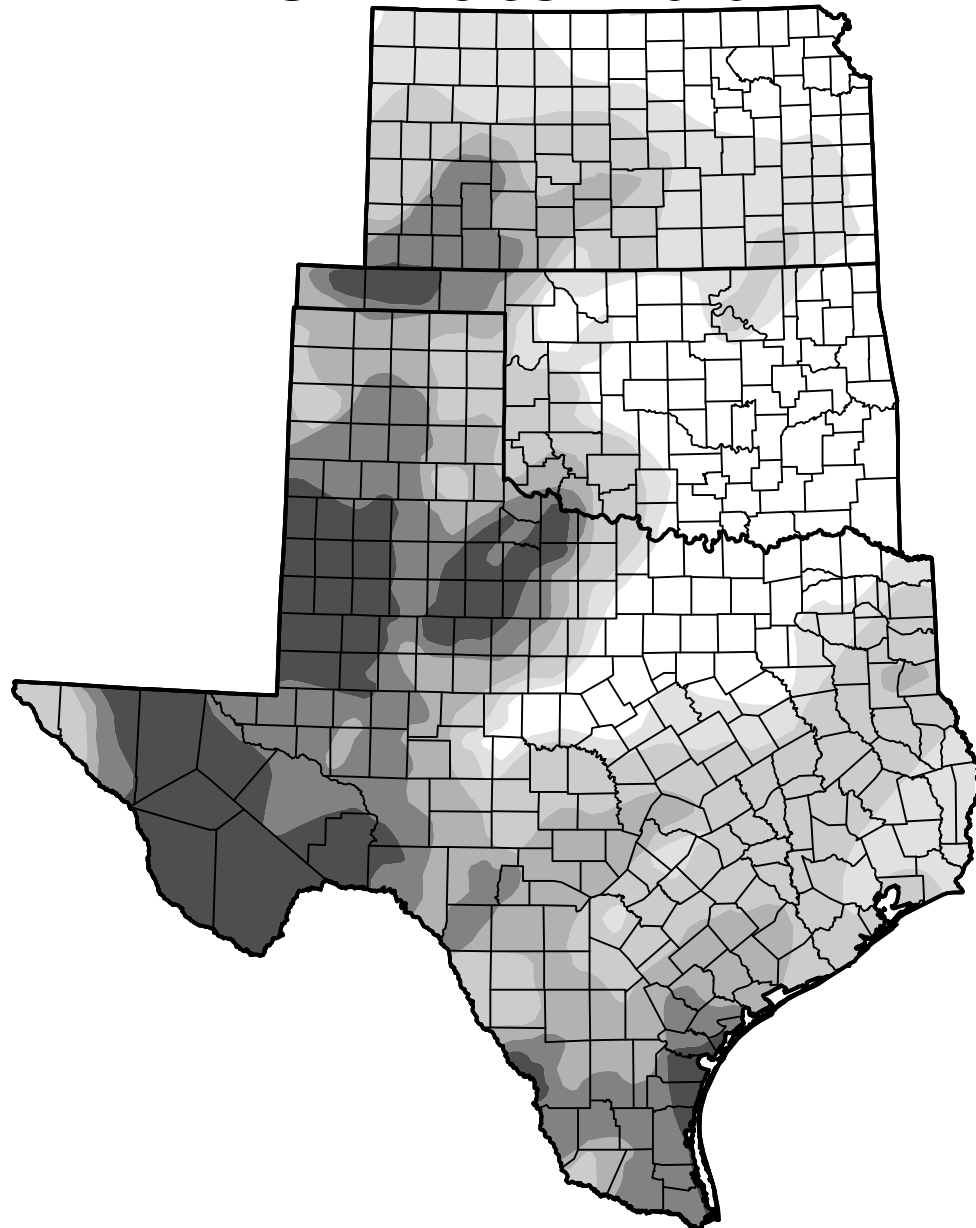


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	22.41	14.33	22.38	14.76	14.18	11.96
Last Week <i>03-13-2012</i>	13.95	13.91	21.78	20.61	16.14	13.62
3 Months Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	9.11	5.86	17.65	16.19	25.64	25.55
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	3.23	3.47	3.93	9.11	11.17	69.08
One Year Ago <i>03-22-2011</i>	5.07	15.15	28.03	31.86	19.88	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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