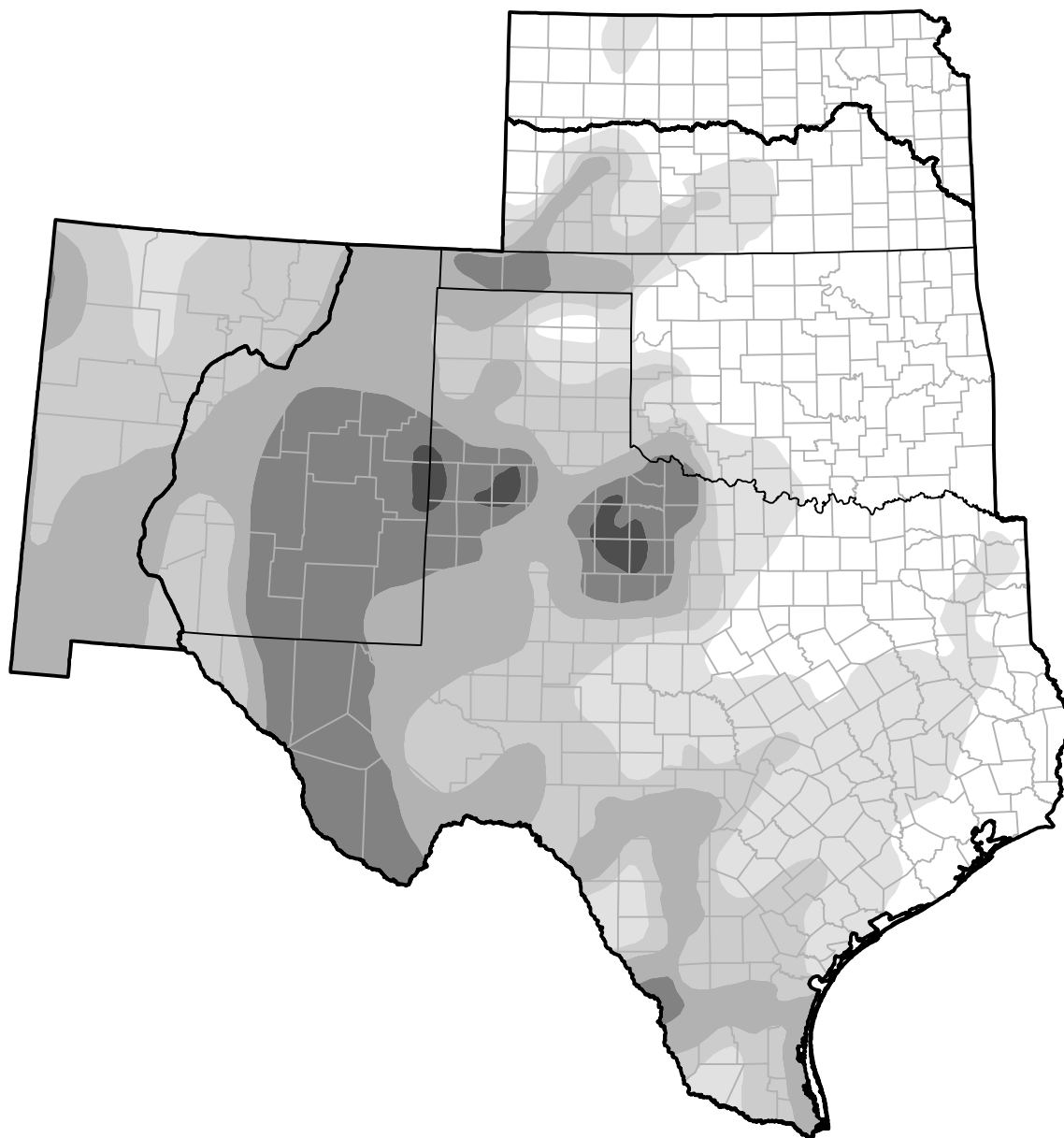


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS



**May 15, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, May. 17, 2012)*  
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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 22.52 | 16.79 | 23.10 | 22.80 | 13.80 | 0.99  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-10-2012</i>              | 21.93 | 12.00 | 18.32 | 26.30 | 16.23 | 5.21  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-16-2012</i>           | 9.79  | 6.60  | 16.96 | 26.20 | 25.85 | 14.60 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 4.58  | 3.24  | 16.00 | 26.67 | 28.11 | 21.41 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 0.00  | 0.96  | 2.46  | 9.84  | 17.43 | 69.32 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-19-2011</i>           | 3.58  | 4.00  | 7.09  | 15.52 | 31.49 | 38.32 |

### 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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