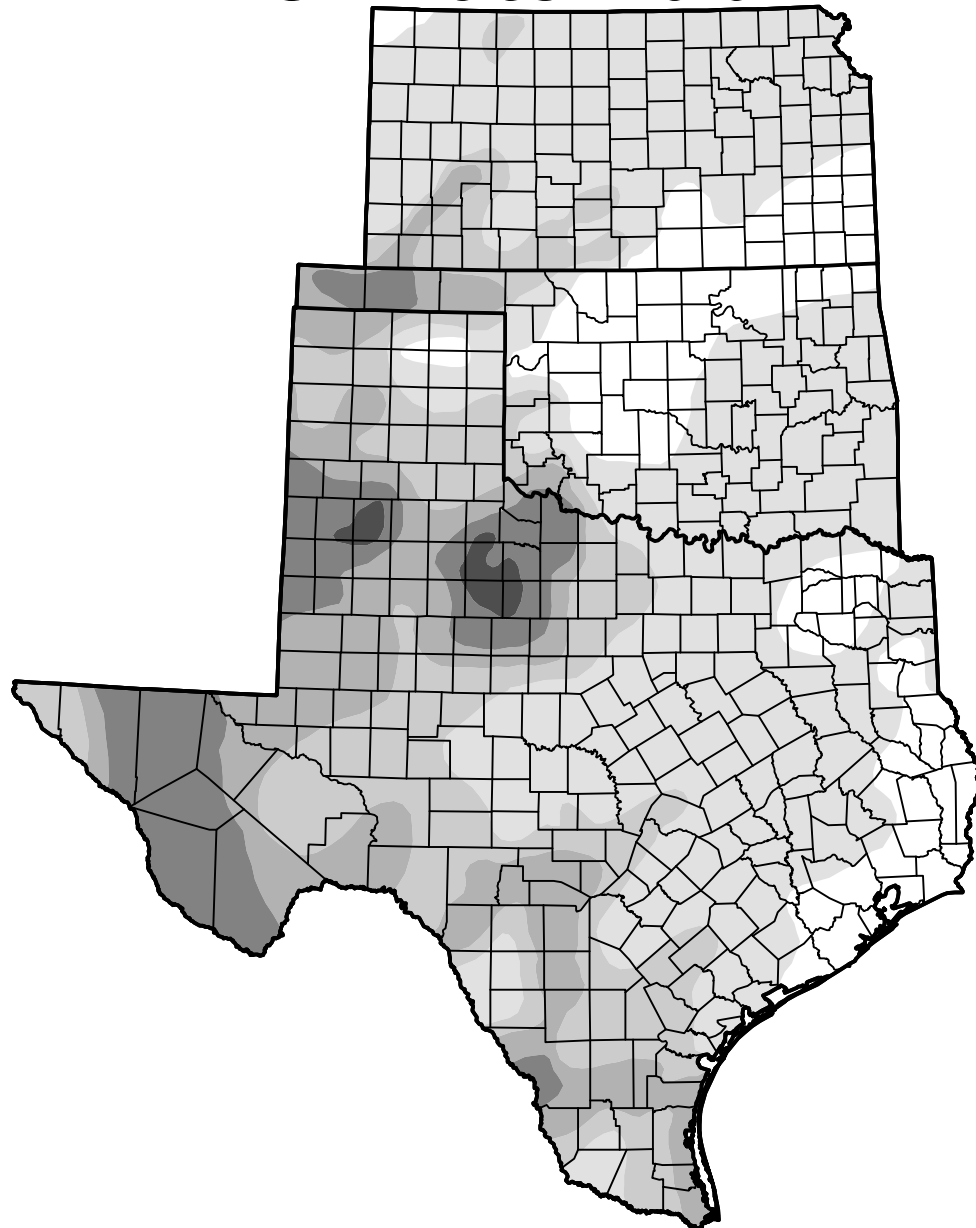


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	14.00	44.24	18.41	14.15	8.47	0.73
Last Week 05-15-2012	39.70	19.96	16.99	14.15	8.31	0.89
3 Months Ago 02-21-2012	15.69	9.77	20.86	24.08	20.09	9.53
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	3.23	3.47	3.93	9.11	11.17	69.08
One Year Ago 05-24-2011	11.49	7.04	9.00	15.45	27.17	29.86

Intensity:

 None	 D2 Severe Drought
 D0 Abnormally Dry	 D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought	 D4 Exceptional Drought

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