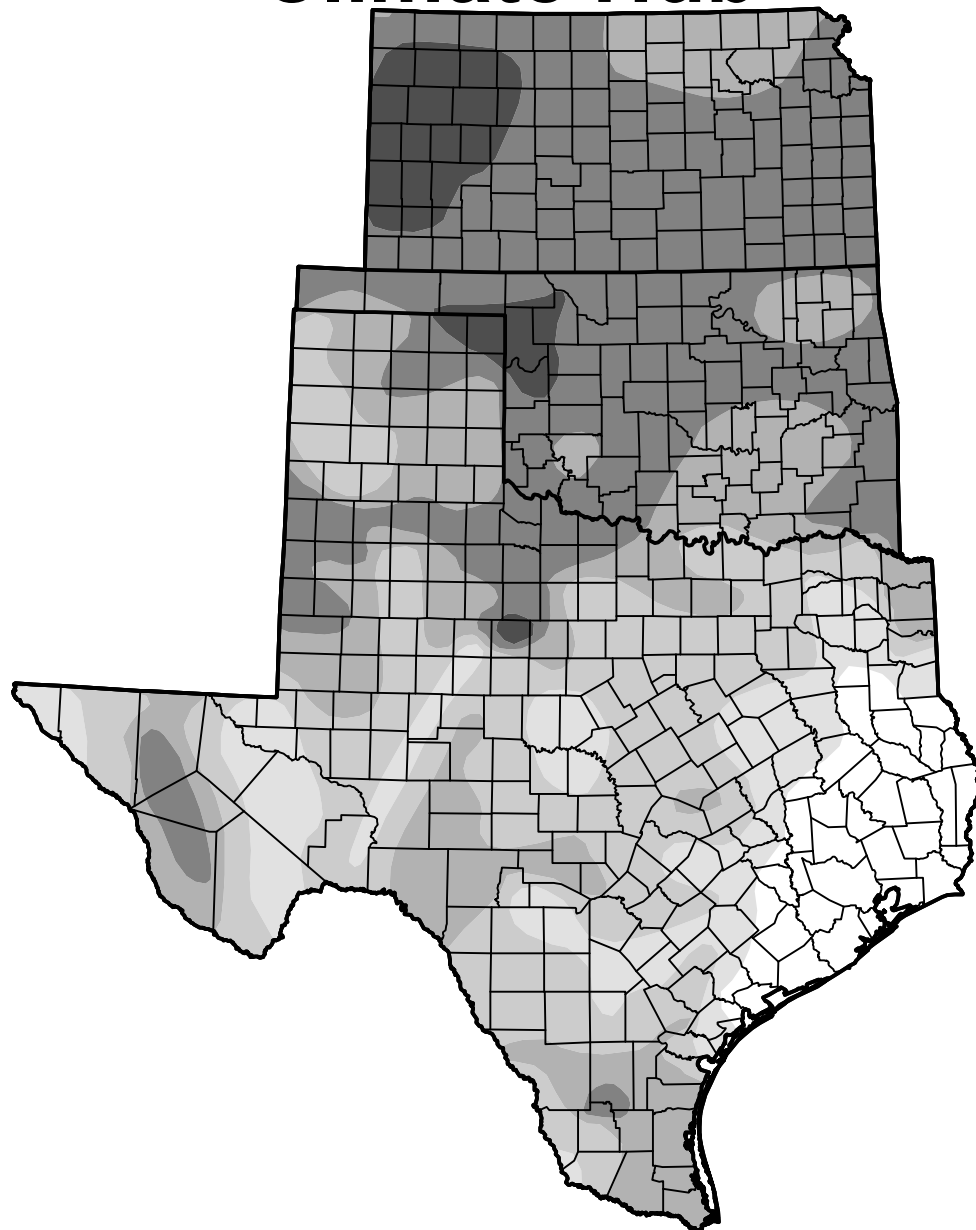


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**July 31, 2012**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 7.24  | 92.76 | 81.99 | 58.10 | 36.05 | 4.79  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>07-24-2012                  | 7.84  | 92.16 | 81.15 | 56.71 | 29.28 | 2.78  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>05-01-2012               | 39.08 | 60.92 | 46.67 | 33.68 | 16.26 | 5.53  |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2012 | 10.87 | 89.13 | 84.64 | 66.92 | 49.90 | 21.26 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-27-2011    | 3.23  | 96.77 | 93.30 | 89.37 | 80.26 | 69.08 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>08-02-2011               | 4.88  | 95.12 | 93.05 | 88.28 | 77.50 | 60.33 |

## 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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