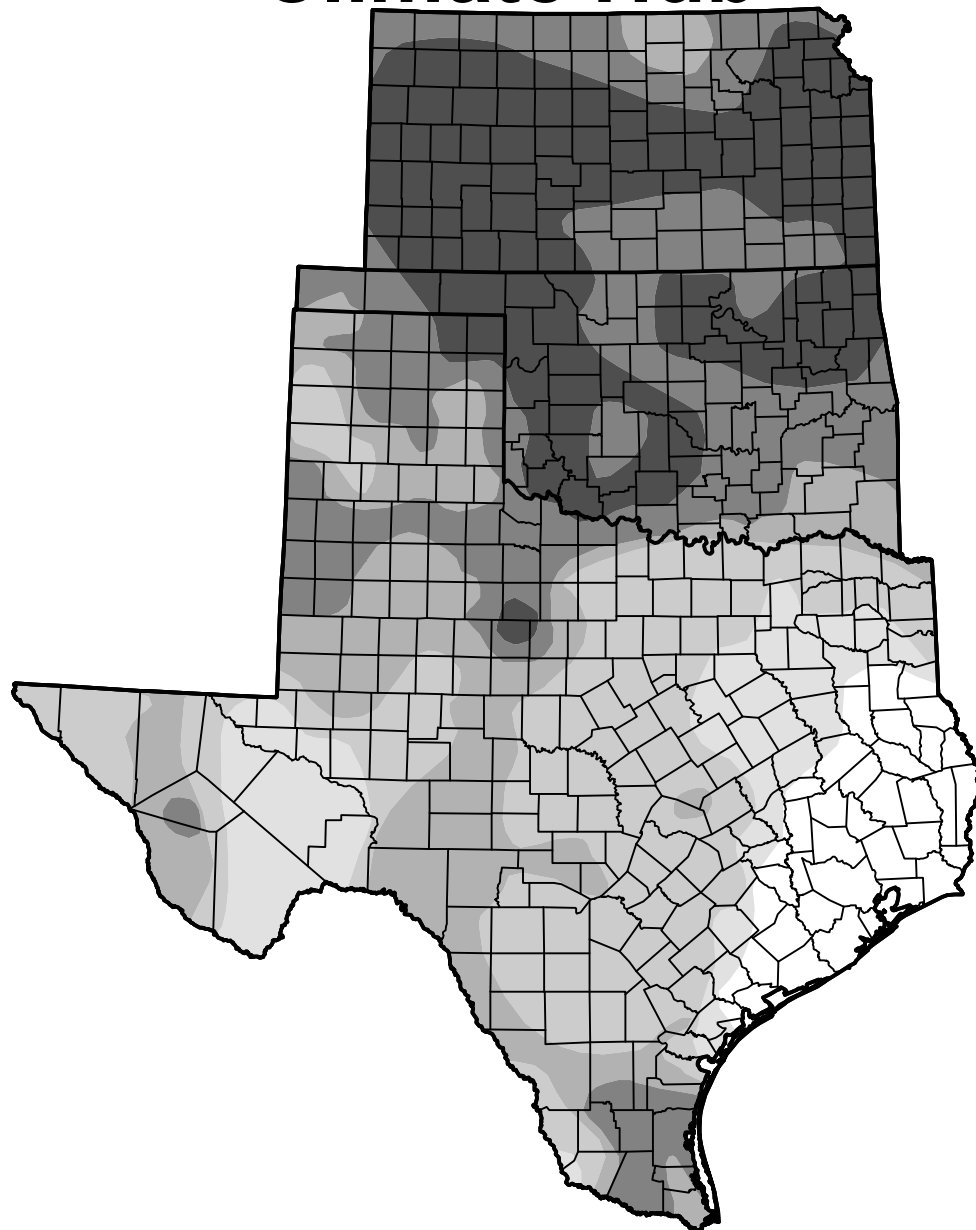


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	7.46	92.54	83.24	60.85	43.05	22.01
Last Week 08-14-2012	7.04	92.96	86.48	64.44	41.56	19.51
3 Months Ago 05-22-2012	14.00	86.00	41.76	23.35	9.20	0.73
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
Start of Water Year 09-27-2011	3.23	96.77	93.30	89.37	80.26	69.08
One Year Ago 08-23-2011	5.67	94.33	92.51	88.77	78.93	63.50

Intensity:

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

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