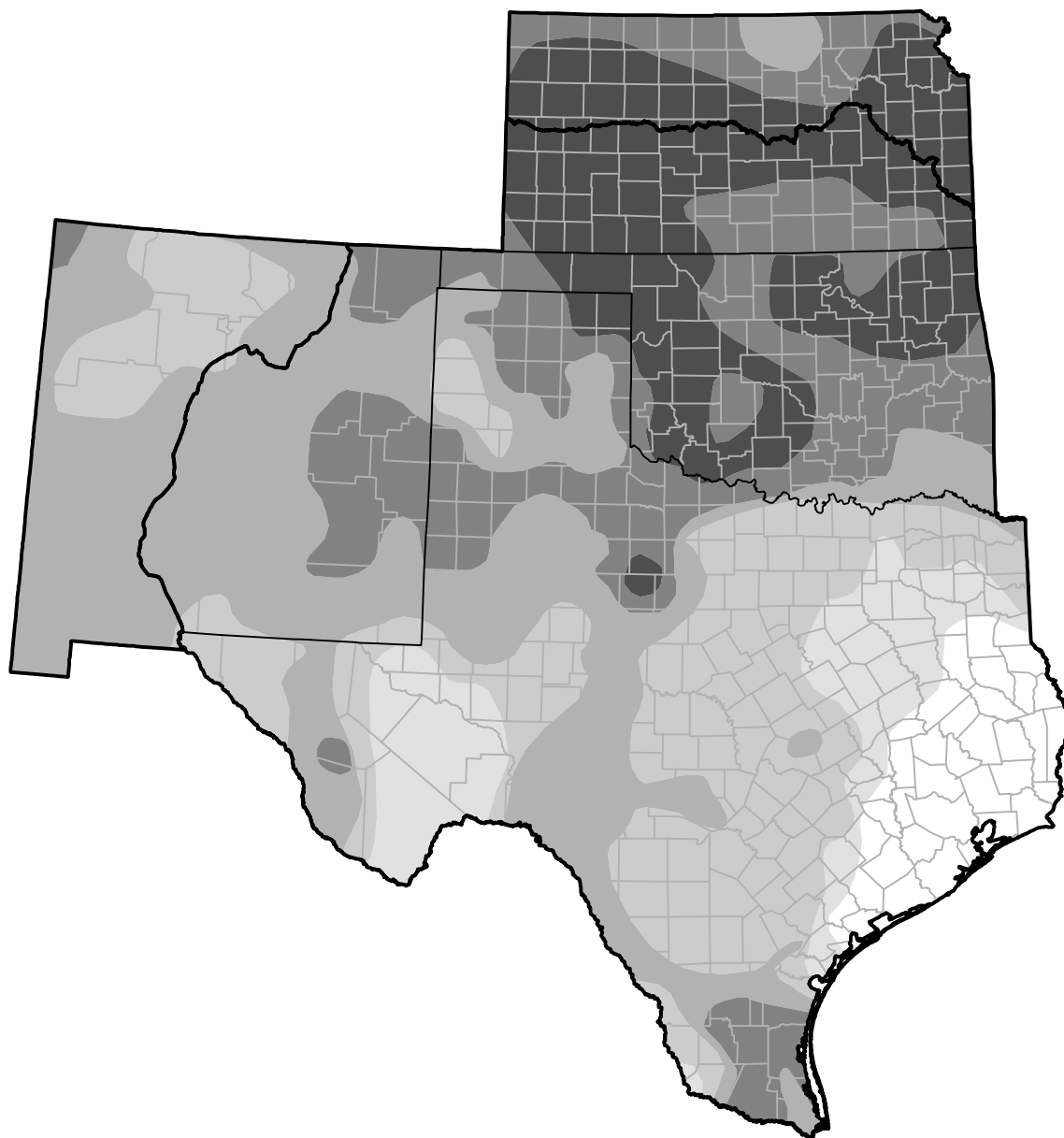


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	6.82	8.51	24.94	33.77	17.91	8.05
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	6.43	5.92	24.11	34.85	22.26	6.43
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	10.04	27.80	22.27	25.09	14.12	0.67
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	4.58	3.24	16.00	26.67	28.11	21.41
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	0.00	0.96	2.46	9.84	17.43	69.32
One Year Ago <i>08-25-2011</i>	0.00	0.04	3.02	9.30	20.80	66.83

Intensity:

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

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