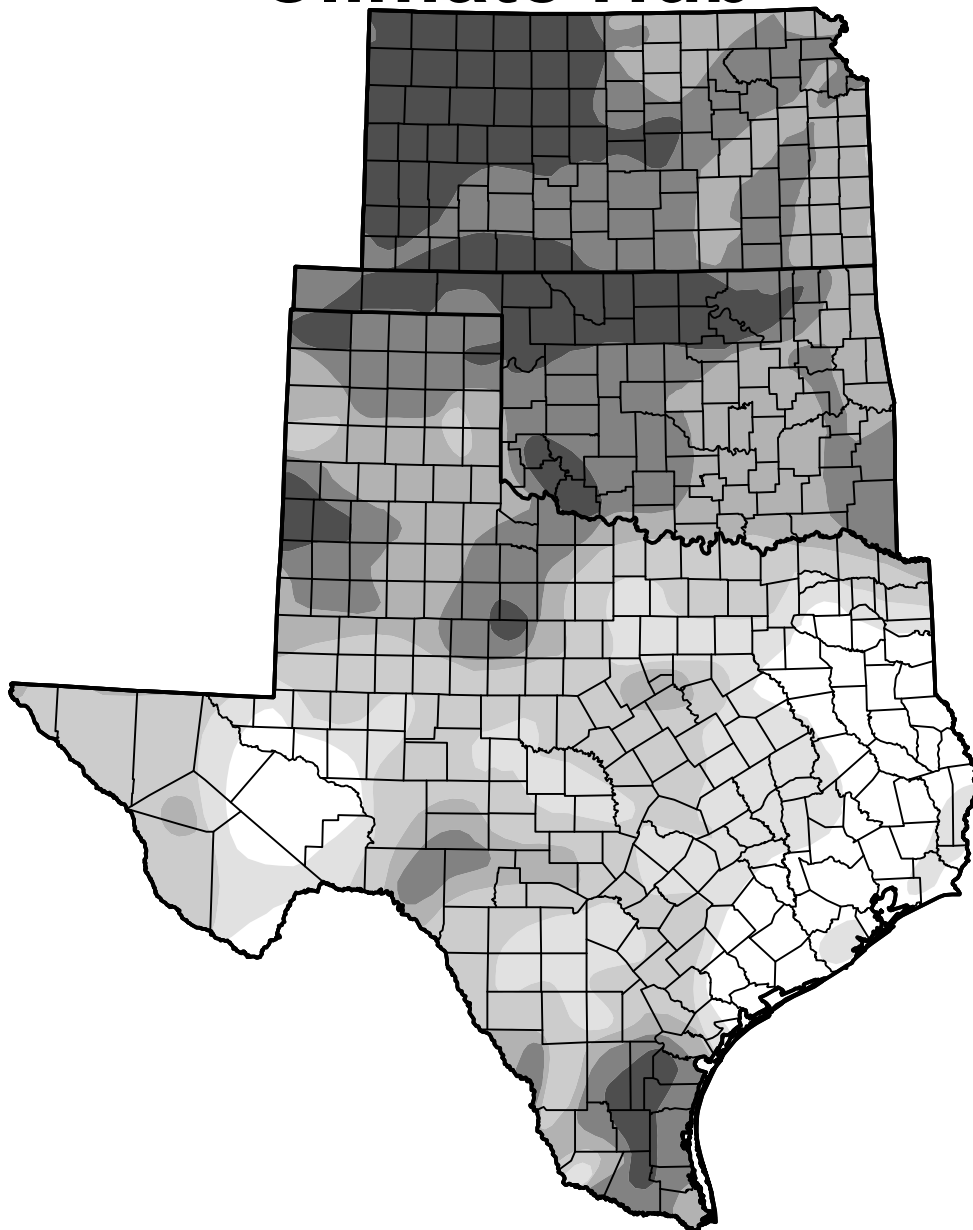


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southern Plains

Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	10.85	12.99	19.97	19.63	22.16	14.40
Last Week <i>10-09-2012</i>	10.48	11.51	21.39	14.17	26.49	15.96
3 Months Ago <i>07-17-2012</i>	7.87	10.65	30.91	30.21	19.15	1.21
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	4.49	17.72	17.02	28.63	21.26
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.80	7.71	13.55	23.73	28.80	20.41
One Year Ago <i>10-18-2011</i>	4.31	2.49	3.84	9.87	20.47	59.02

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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