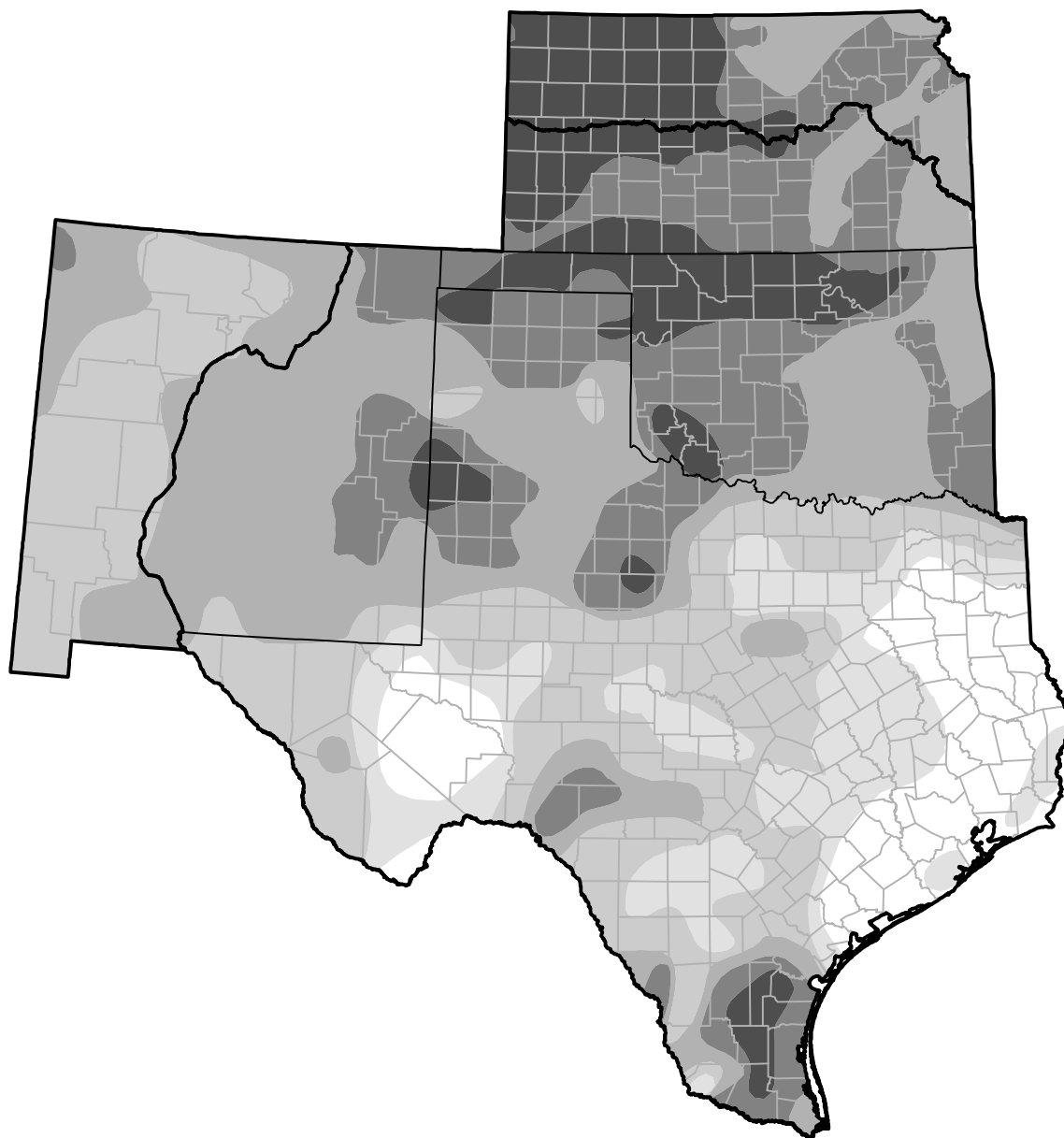


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	9.91	11.97	27.03	28.64	16.25	6.19
Last Week <i>10-11-2012</i>	9.58	10.57	29.53	25.51	18.09	6.73
3 Months Ago <i>07-19-2012</i>	7.20	9.79	32.69	36.30	14.03	0.00
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>09-27-2012</i>	5.30	7.05	22.35	32.98	22.69	9.63
One Year Ago <i>10-20-2011</i>	1.66	0.81	2.10	11.86	25.35	58.22

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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