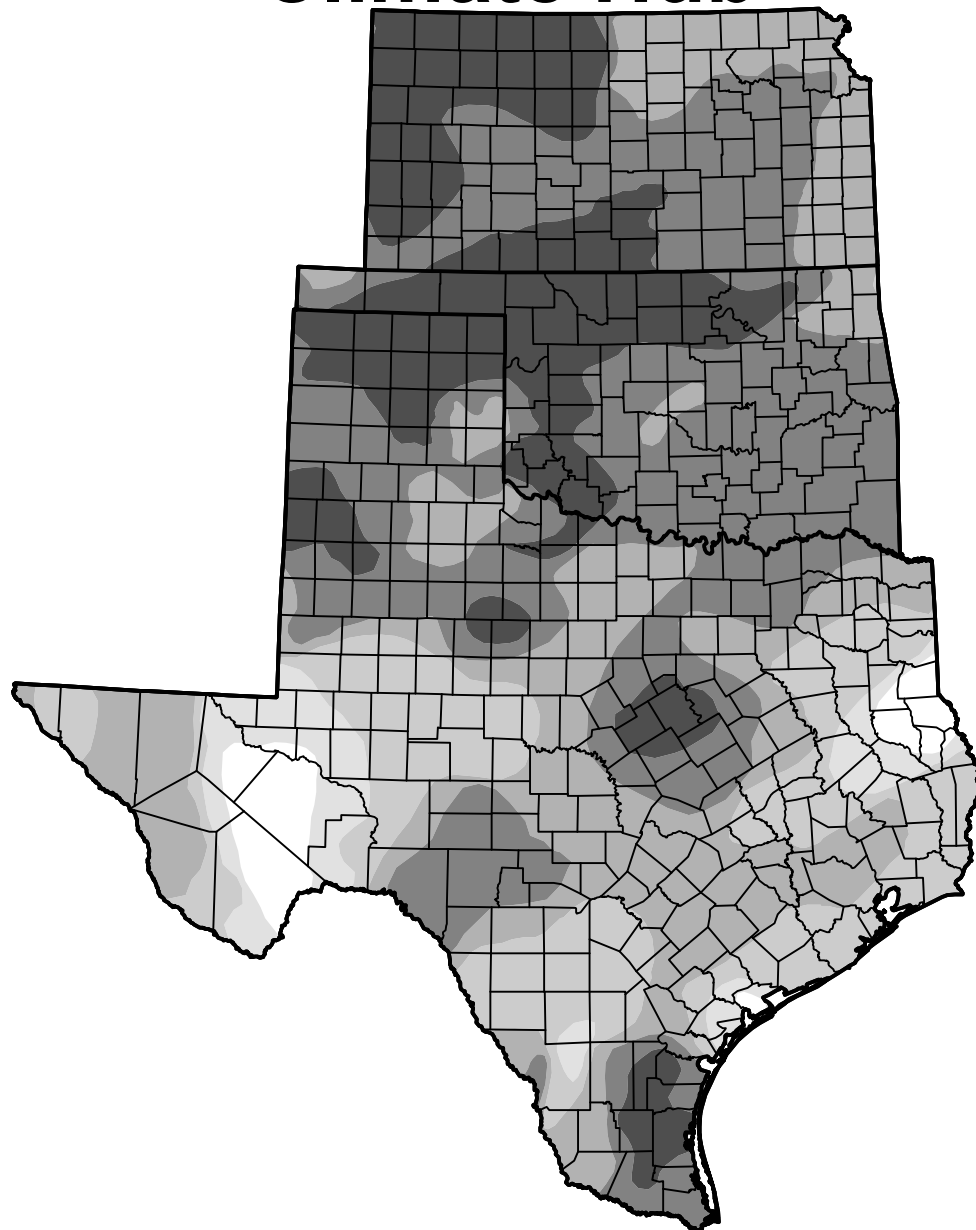


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.89	97.11	92.57	77.20	52.51	19.17
Last Week 12-11-2012	3.76	96.24	92.20	77.78	51.02	18.25
3 Months Ago 09-18-2012	7.16	92.84	84.83	69.37	47.94	20.22
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2012	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
Start of Water Year 09-25-2012	5.80	94.20	86.49	72.94	49.21	20.41
One Year Ago 12-20-2011	9.11	90.89	85.03	67.38	51.19	25.55

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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