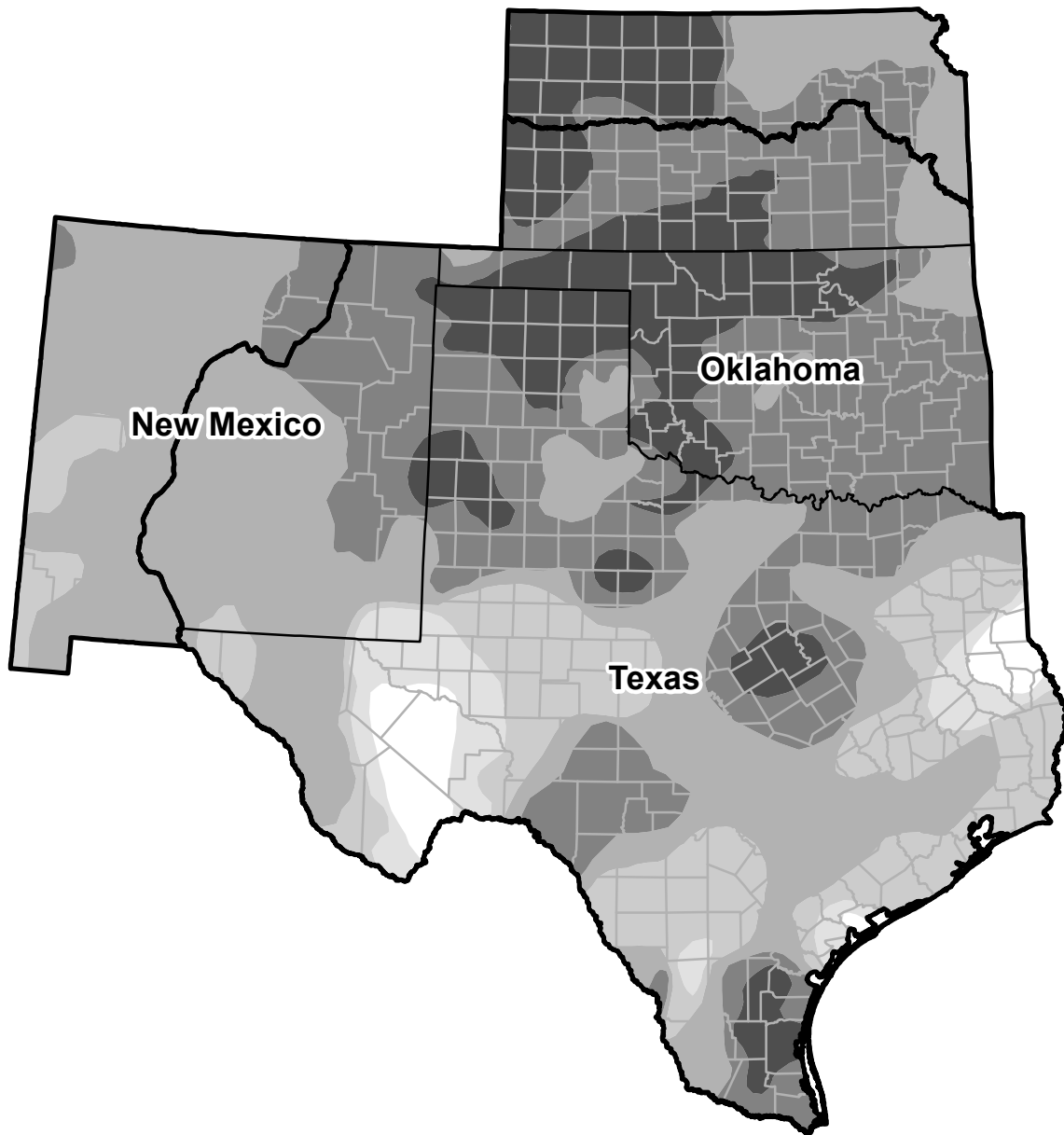


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.74	4.63	14.82	28.55	34.57	14.69
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	3.58	4.14	13.92	30.53	34.02	13.82
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	6.55	7.32	24.10	30.88	21.70	9.45
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	2.88	3.17	16.40	23.79	31.51	22.25
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.30	7.05	22.35	32.98	22.69	9.63
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	2.72	3.26	16.04	19.71	29.13	29.14

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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