

U.S. Drought Monitor

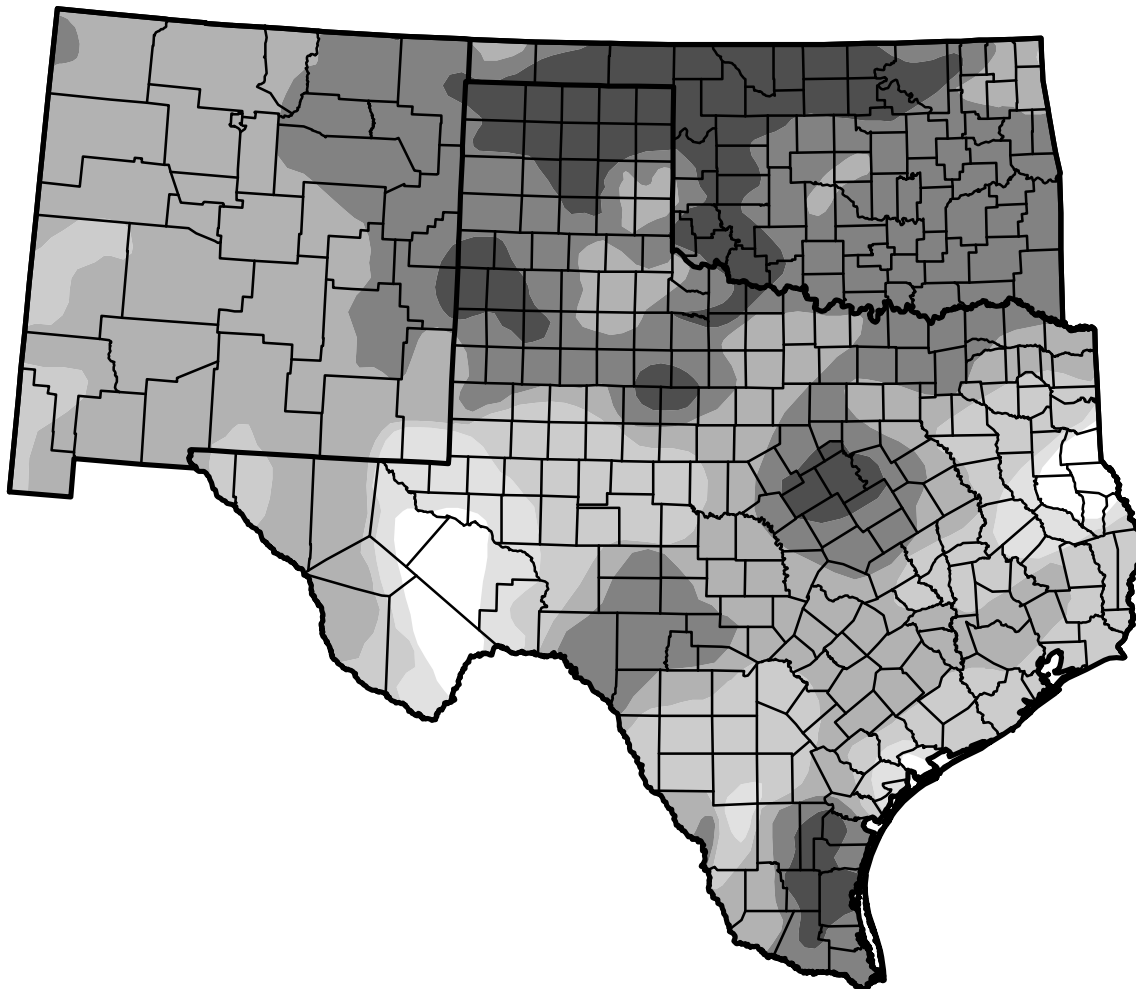
Southern Plains Area

December 18, 2012
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Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	2.64	4.46	15.77	36.81	29.02	11.29
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	3.45	3.99	14.90	38.72	28.48	10.45
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>	4.58	3.24	16.00	26.67	28.11	21.41
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>	4.58	3.22	16.01	21.61	26.79	27.80



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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