

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southern Plains

### Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 7.32  | 7.42  | 17.99 | 30.16 | 25.82 | 11.29 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-05-2013</i>              | 7.09  | 7.98  | 13.13 | 32.57 | 28.71 | 10.53 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2012</i>           | 3.76  | 4.05  | 14.42 | 26.76 | 32.78 | 18.25 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2013</i> | 1.93  | 6.33  | 13.73 | 24.21 | 32.90 | 20.90 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-25-2012</i>    | 5.80  | 7.71  | 13.55 | 23.73 | 28.80 | 20.41 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-13-2012</i>           | 13.95 | 13.91 | 21.78 | 20.61 | 16.14 | 13.62 |

#### 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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