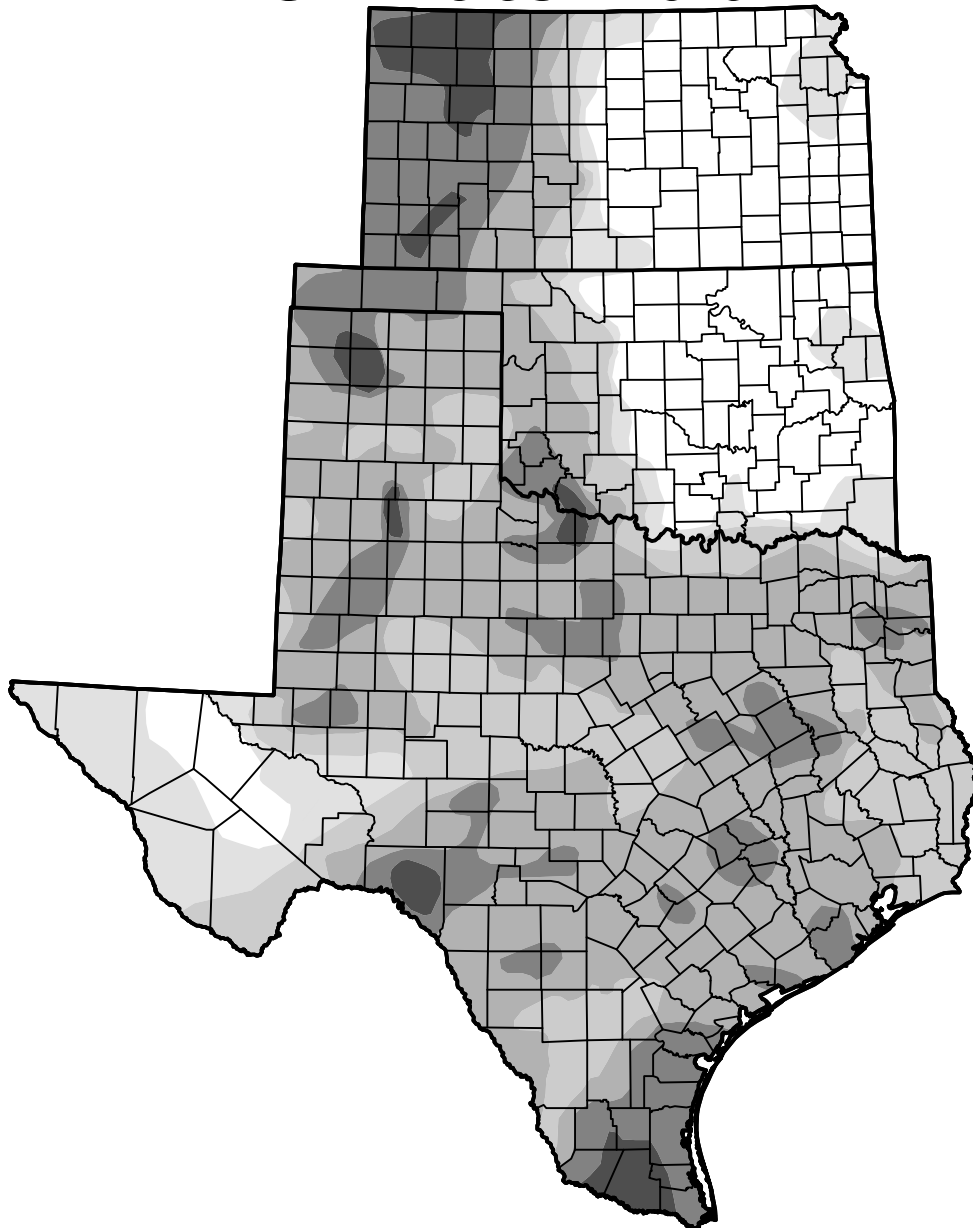


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**August 20, 2013**  
(Released Thursday, Aug. 22, 2013)  
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                 | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 19.84 | 9.57  | 16.66 | 34.94 | 15.52 | 3.47  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>08-13-2013                  | 18.57 | 11.02 | 17.02 | 32.15 | 15.53 | 5.71  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>05-21-2013               | 6.53  | 9.48  | 19.17 | 28.70 | 18.66 | 17.46 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>01-01-2013 | 1.93  | 6.33  | 13.73 | 24.21 | 32.90 | 20.90 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-25-2012    | 5.80  | 7.71  | 13.55 | 23.73 | 28.80 | 20.41 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>08-21-2012               | 7.46  | 9.31  | 22.38 | 17.80 | 21.05 | 22.01 |

## 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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