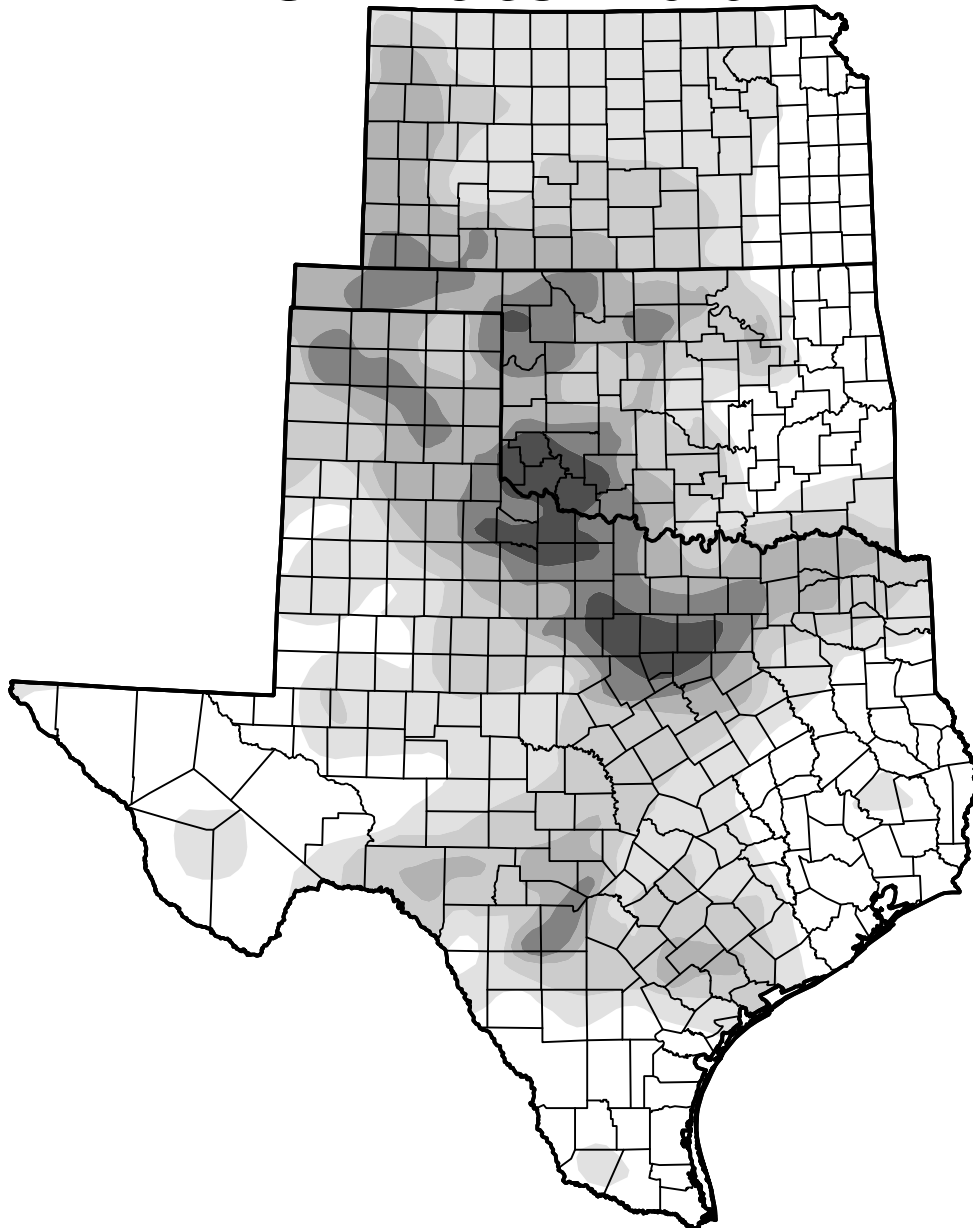


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 23, 2014**  
(Released Wednesday, Dec. 24, 2014)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 29.94 | 24.69 | 20.09 | 14.63 | 7.81 | 2.84 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-16-2014</i>              | 29.61 | 24.87 | 20.19 | 14.86 | 7.87 | 2.59 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-23-2014</i>           | 22.34 | 23.84 | 24.39 | 19.52 | 8.39 | 1.52 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2013</i> | 27.54 | 28.96 | 20.20 | 17.69 | 4.71 | 0.90 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2014</i>    | 23.45 | 24.07 | 20.13 | 21.22 | 8.64 | 2.49 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-24-2013</i>           | 27.43 | 27.76 | 20.69 | 17.87 | 5.34 | 0.90 |

**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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