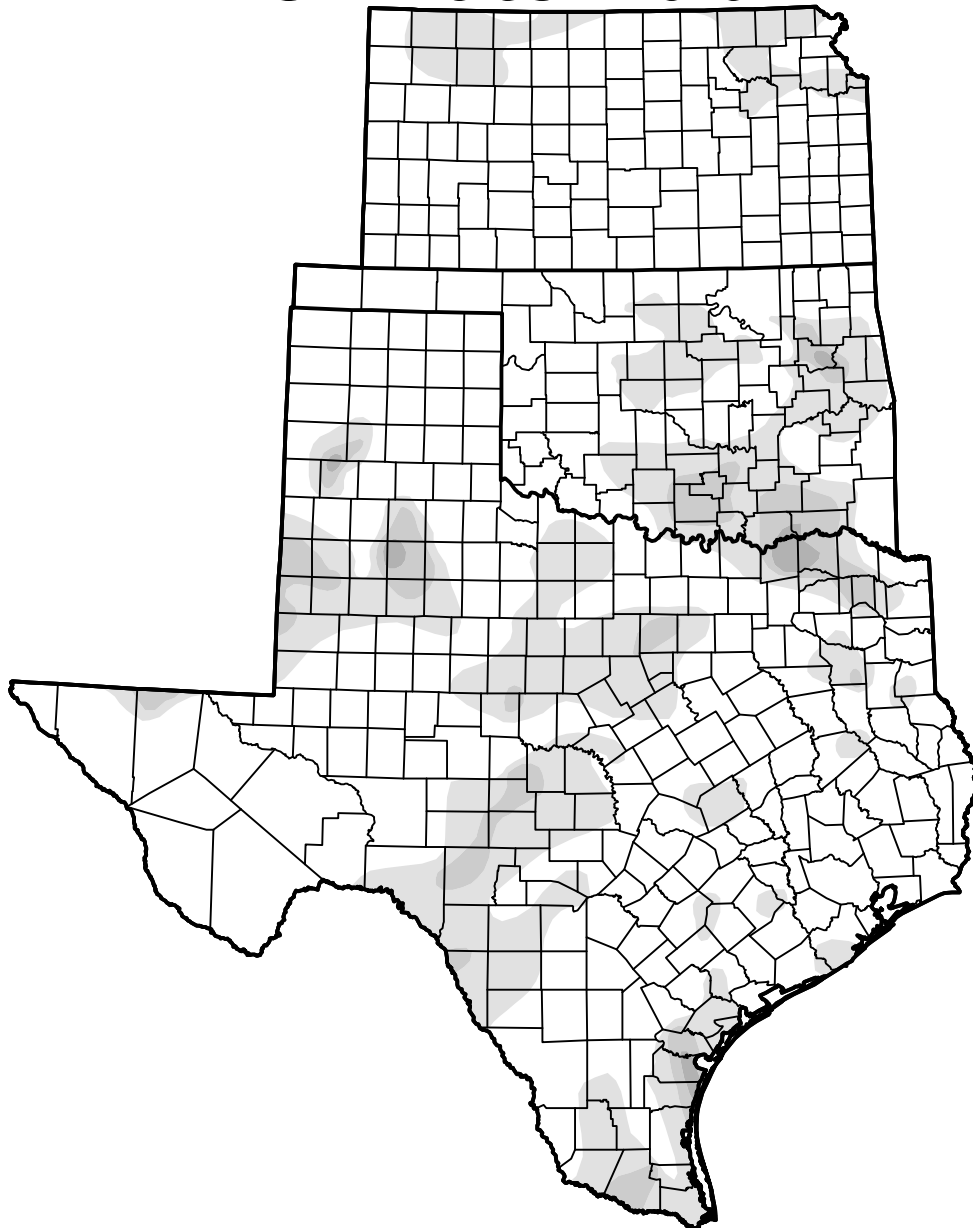


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**August 16, 2016**  
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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 73.03 | 26.97 | 4.77  | 0.50  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>08-09-2016              | 62.99 | 37.01 | 7.76  | 0.68  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>05-17-2016           | 97.87 | 2.13  | 0.31  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-29-2015 | 96.70 | 3.30  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-29-2015    | 46.66 | 53.34 | 28.04 | 12.22 | 4.14  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>08-18-2015           | 66.58 | 33.42 | 17.62 | 5.55  | 0.00  | 0.00 |

## 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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