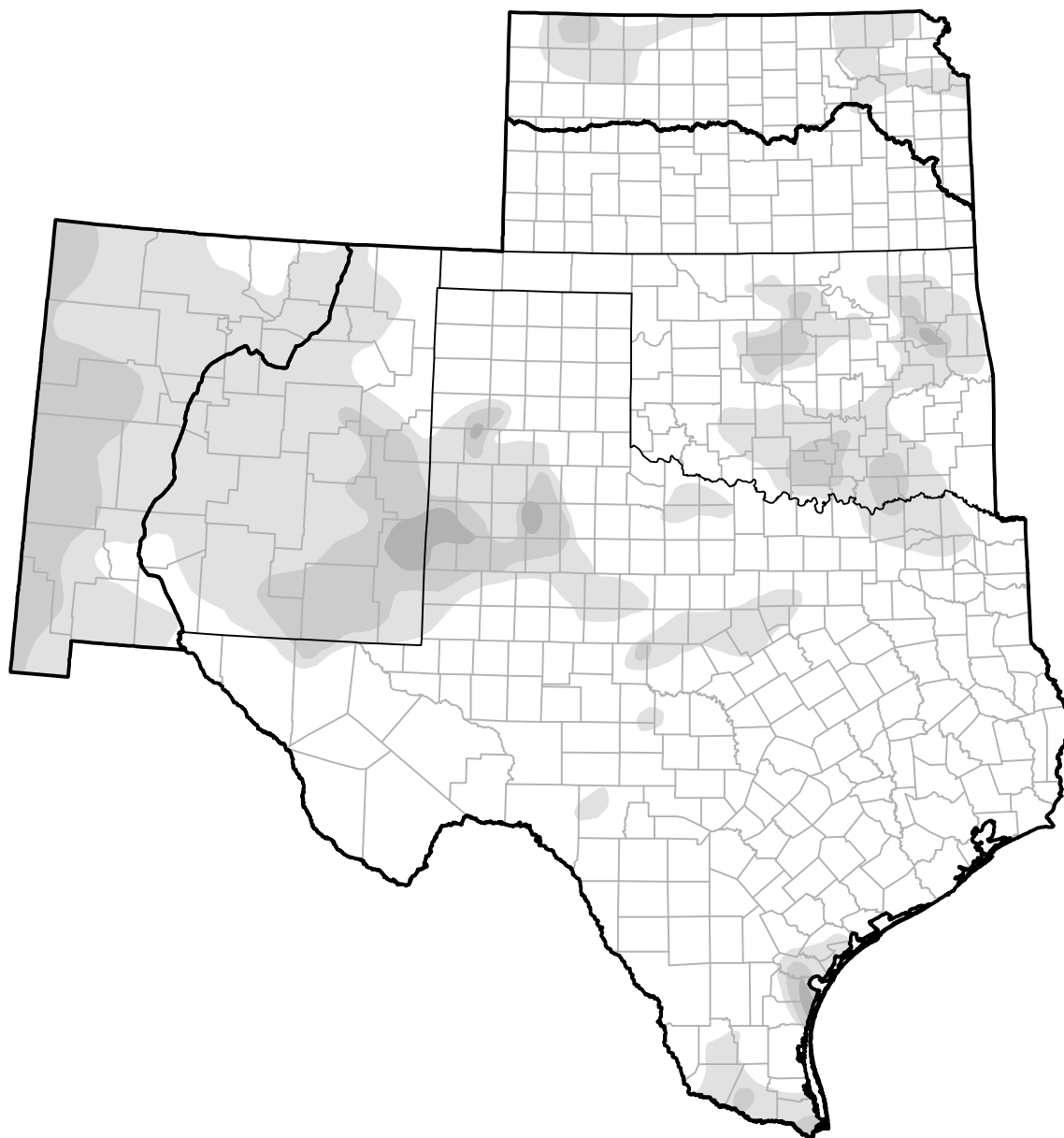


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**August 23, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Aug. 25, 2016)  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 62.64 | 37.36 | 10.78 | 0.78  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-18-2016</i>              | 54.35 | 45.65 | 10.83 | 0.45  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-26-2016</i>           | 75.68 | 24.32 | 9.79  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2015</i> | 90.39 | 9.61  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2015</i>    | 43.19 | 56.81 | 26.94 | 11.17 | 3.79  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-27-2015</i>           | 60.15 | 39.85 | 18.50 | 3.70  | 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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