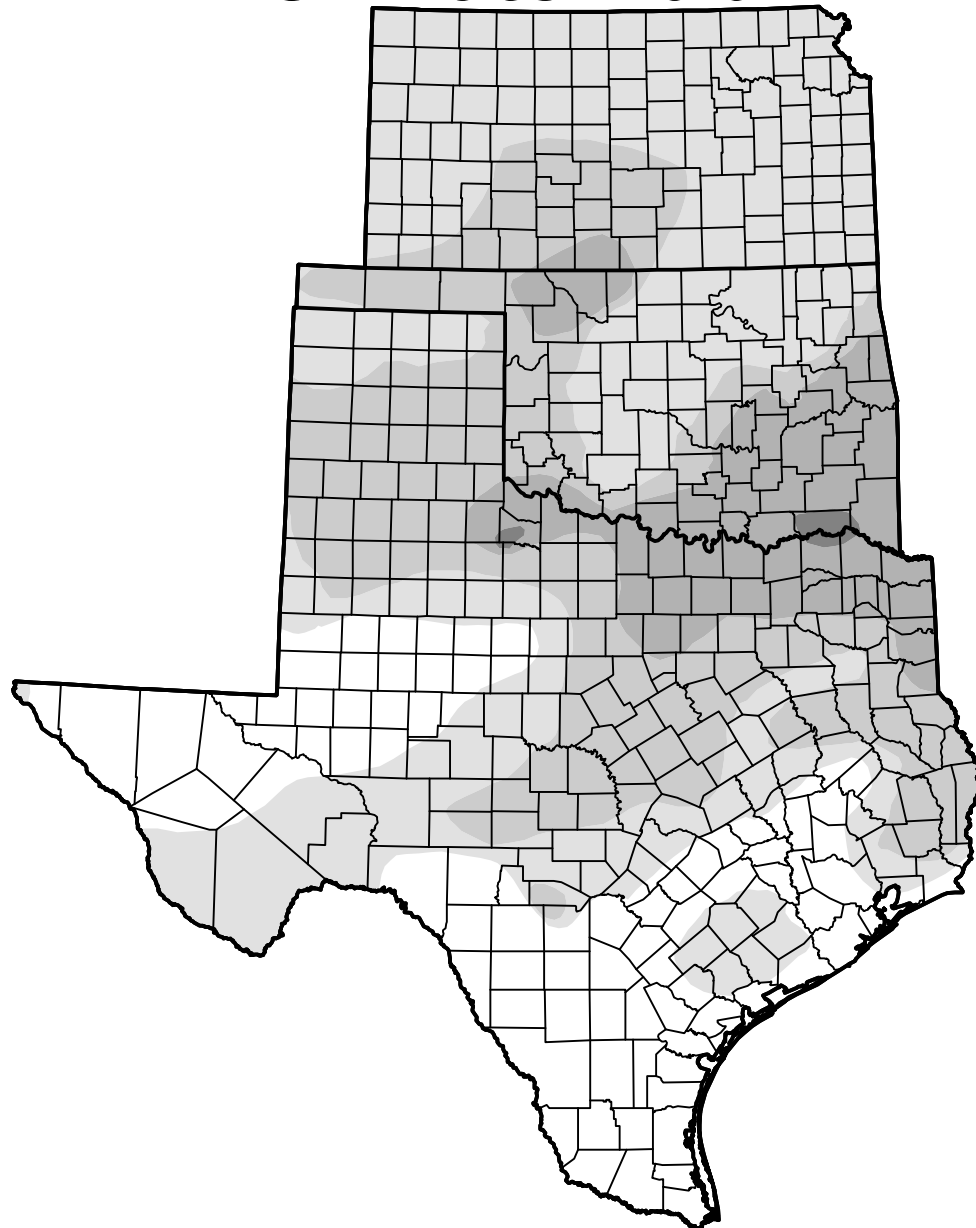


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub



**December 19, 2017**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 21, 2017)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST

## Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                             | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 22.95 | 77.05 | 38.50 | 12.22 | 0.36  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-12-2017              | 18.32 | 81.68 | 29.89 | 12.57 | 1.01  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-19-2017           | 69.83 | 30.17 | 6.46  | 0.54  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>01-03-2017 | 56.13 | 43.87 | 23.99 | 13.27 | 0.95  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-26-2017    | 67.42 | 32.58 | 4.77  | 0.29  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-20-2016           | 61.81 | 38.19 | 23.03 | 11.02 | 0.55  | 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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