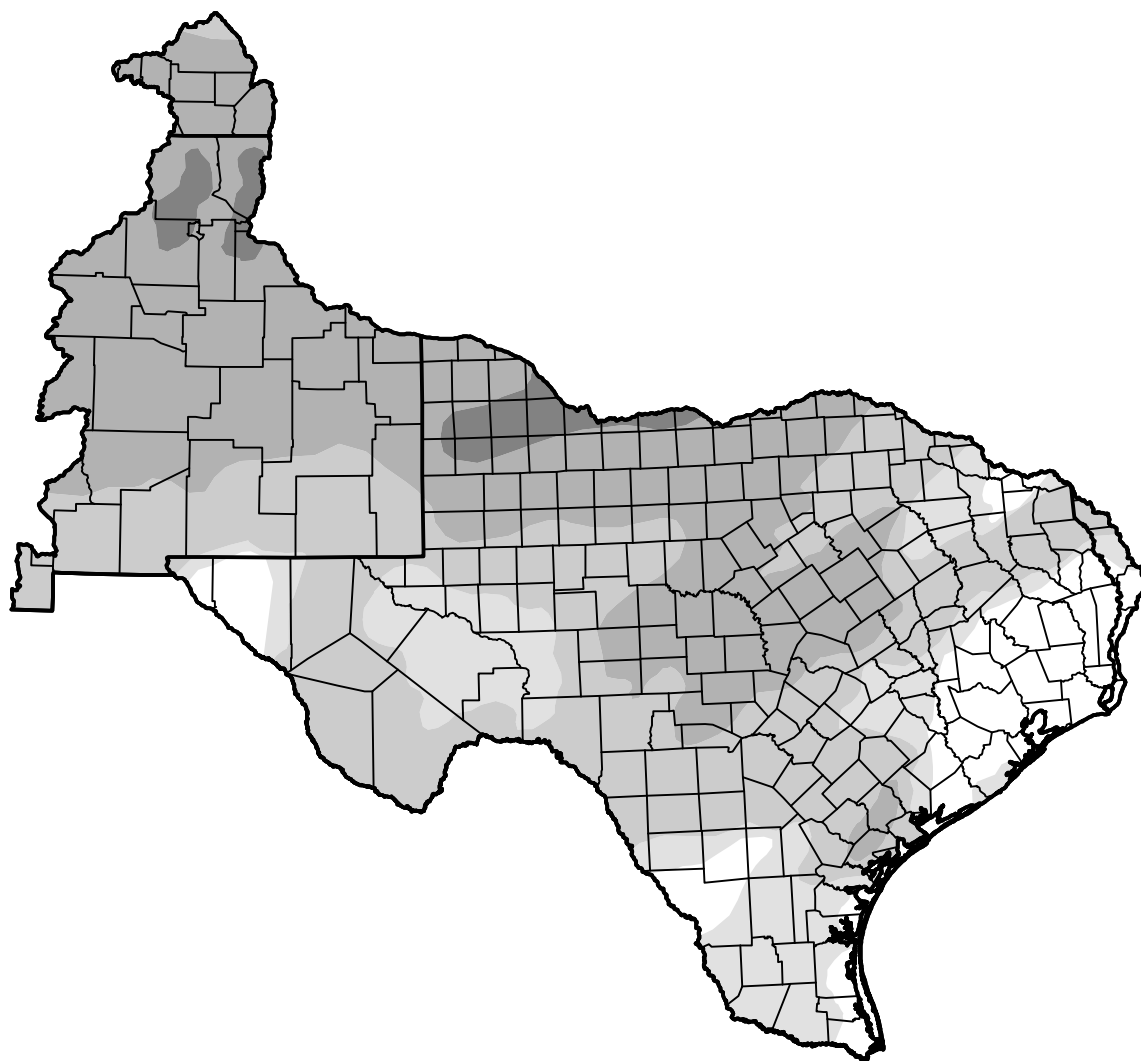


# U.S. Drought Monitor West Gulf RFC

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.81  | 90.19 | 75.88 | 41.29 | 3.15  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-15-2018</i>              | 8.36  | 91.64 | 76.34 | 41.78 | 4.37  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-22-2017</i>           | 54.27 | 45.73 | 13.94 | 0.41  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-04-2018</i> | 31.04 | 68.96 | 28.49 | 1.84  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2017</i>    | 77.01 | 22.99 | 3.39  | 0.03  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-23-2017</i>           | 93.96 | 6.04  | 1.37  | 0.17  | 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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