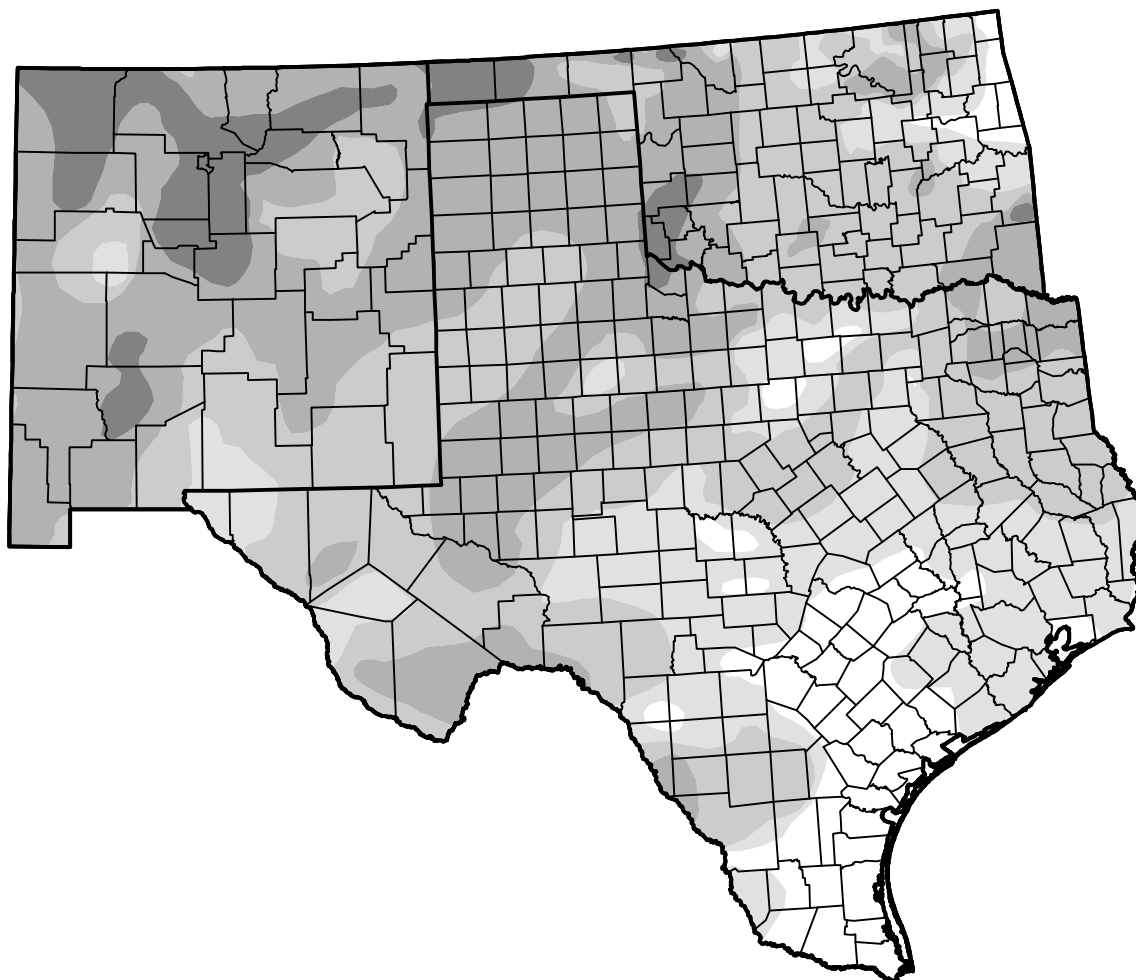


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**December 14, 2021**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 16, 2021)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 9.09  | 18.87 | 34.22 | 31.15 | 6.68  | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-07-2021</i>              | 12.03 | 17.69 | 35.64 | 28.79 | 5.85  | 0.00  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-14-2021</i>           | 56.97 | 19.23 | 10.99 | 7.72  | 5.09  | 0.00  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2020</i> | 13.81 | 8.62  | 20.64 | 17.33 | 17.87 | 21.73 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2021</i>    | 30.30 | 33.12 | 19.66 | 11.43 | 5.50  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-15-2020</i>           | 12.65 | 11.43 | 20.00 | 17.89 | 16.30 | 21.73 |

### 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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