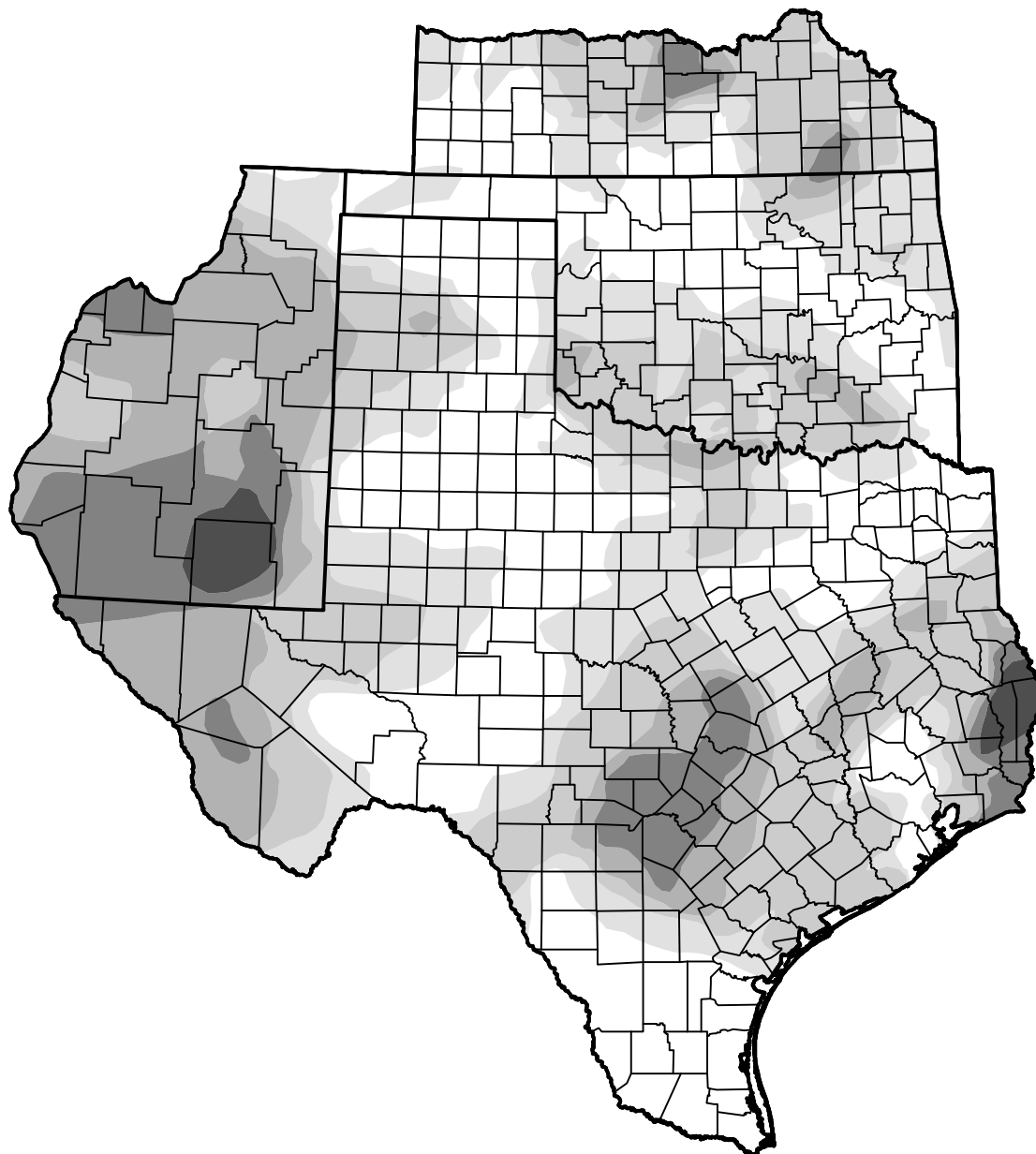


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	29.81	22.29	23.83	14.42	8.17	1.49
Last Week <i>12-12-2023</i>	26.52	22.79	24.43	16.13	8.64	1.49
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2023</i>	8.88	14.67	20.02	23.28	23.18	9.96
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2023</i>	17.91	21.19	19.14	19.46	13.79	8.51
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2023</i>	9.93	14.80	20.48	22.90	22.87	9.02
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2022</i>	17.14	22.75	18.79	19.19	13.84	8.29

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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