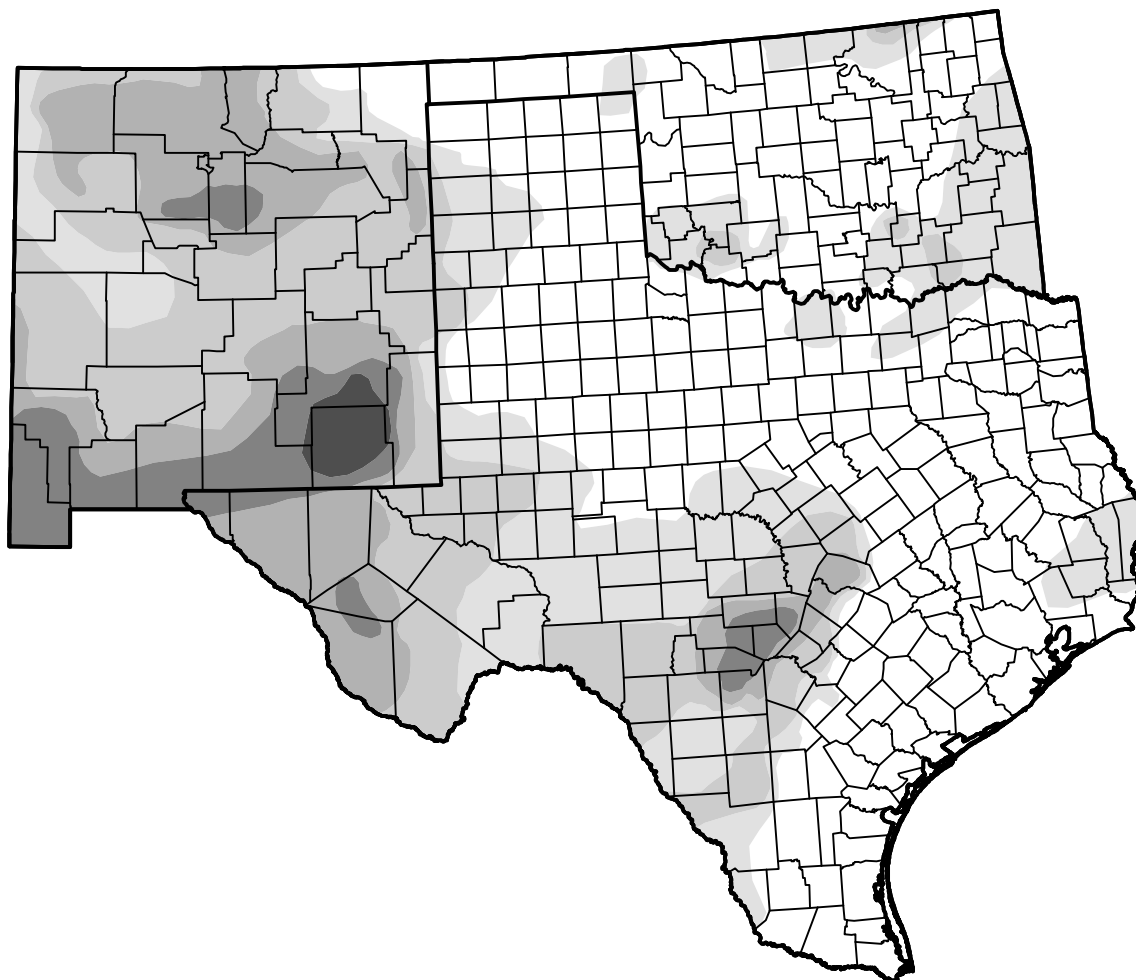


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**March 5, 2024**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 7, 2024)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 43.25 | 56.75 | 37.23 | 17.81 | 6.28  | 0.93 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-27-2024</i>              | 44.63 | 55.37 | 37.14 | 17.96 | 6.28  | 0.93 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-05-2023</i>           | 26.26 | 73.74 | 55.69 | 35.48 | 15.33 | 2.22 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2024</i> | 31.65 | 68.35 | 51.27 | 31.88 | 13.52 | 2.12 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2023</i>    | 7.01  | 92.99 | 79.77 | 57.36 | 32.68 | 9.19 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-07-2023</i>           | 24.48 | 75.52 | 56.22 | 32.65 | 14.41 | 2.47 |

### 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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