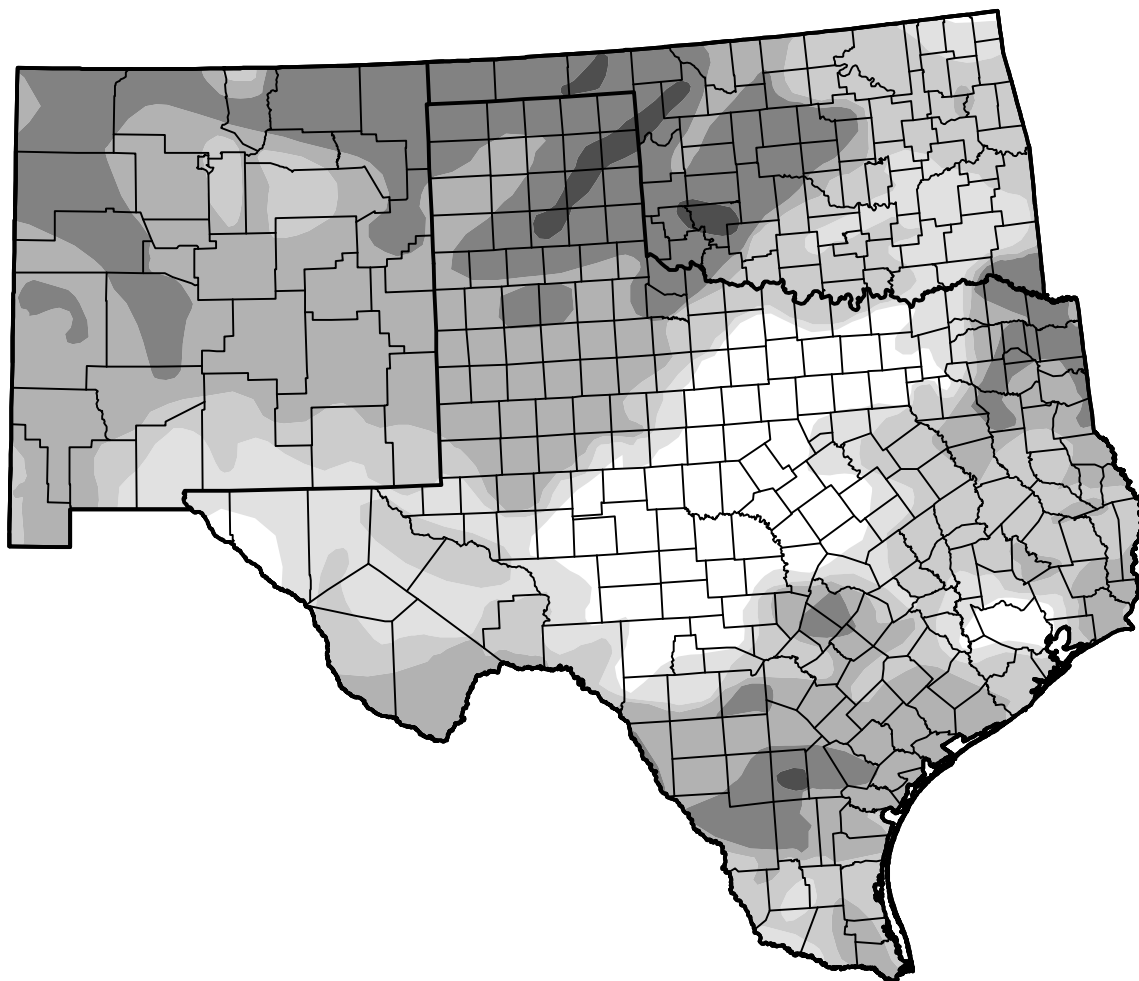


U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains RDEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	11.22	13.05	21.87	32.58	20.09	1.20
Last Week <i>05-12-2026</i>	11.23	13.49	21.75	34.83	17.64	1.05
3 Months Ago <i>02-17-2026</i>	1.81	26.67	33.22	26.25	11.68	0.36
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	9.70	26.78	30.61	25.74	6.96	0.21
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	36.68	30.54	12.57	14.43	4.97	0.81
One Year Ago <i>05-20-2025</i>	42.19	9.68	9.90	12.16	15.09	10.99

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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