

U.S. Drought Monitor

Southern Plains DEWS

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	18.95	19.63	22.36	22.42	14.89	1.75
Last Week <i>05-19-2026</i>	18.34	15.20	23.59	24.94	16.62	1.31
3 Months Ago <i>02-24-2026</i>	13.28	18.84	34.83	19.05	13.09	0.92
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2026</i>	24.07	24.64	30.40	13.81	6.86	0.23
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2025</i>	50.45	32.69	8.59	6.15	1.93	0.18
One Year Ago <i>05-27-2025</i>	53.30	18.06	9.54	4.87	5.32	8.91

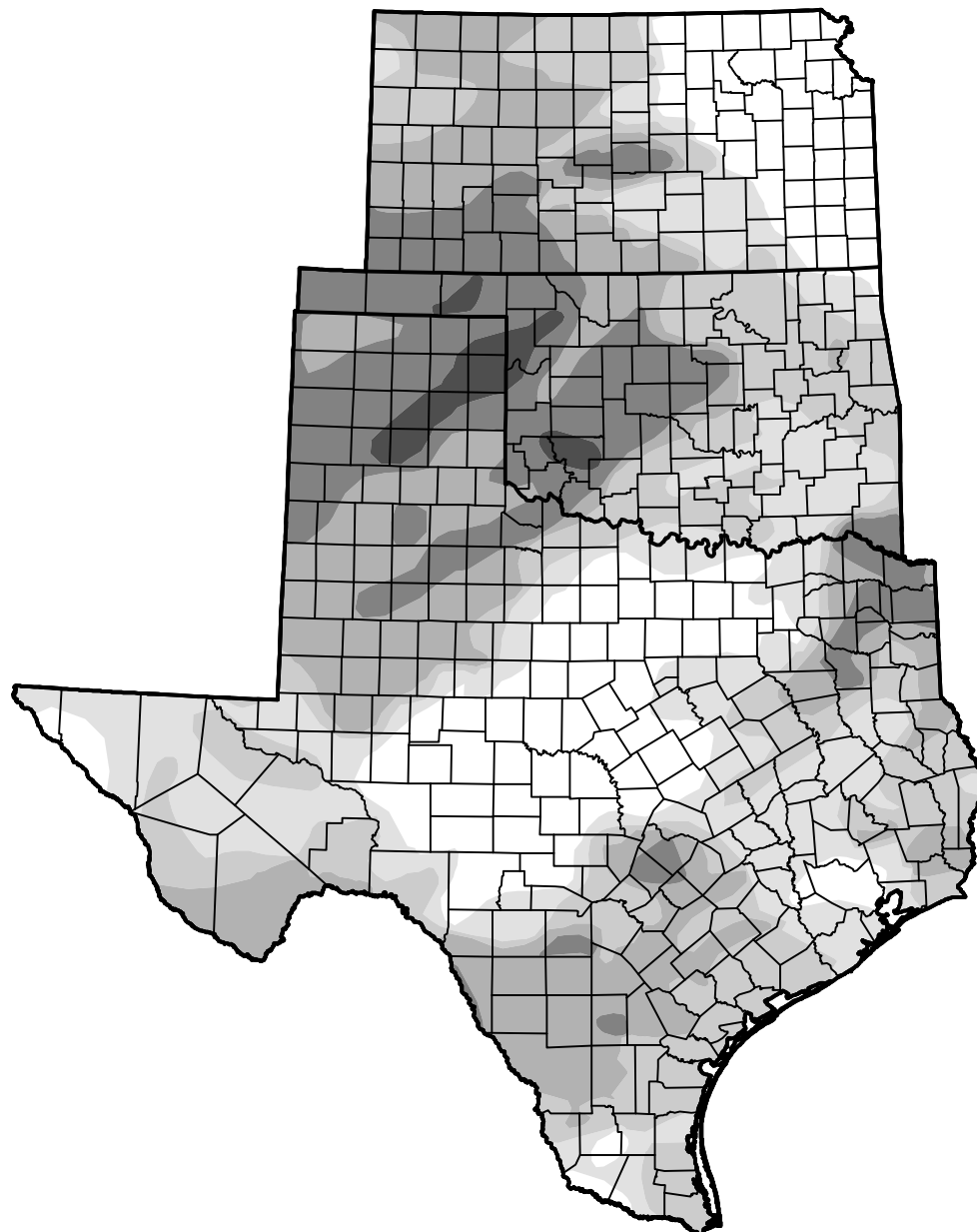
Intensity:

 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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