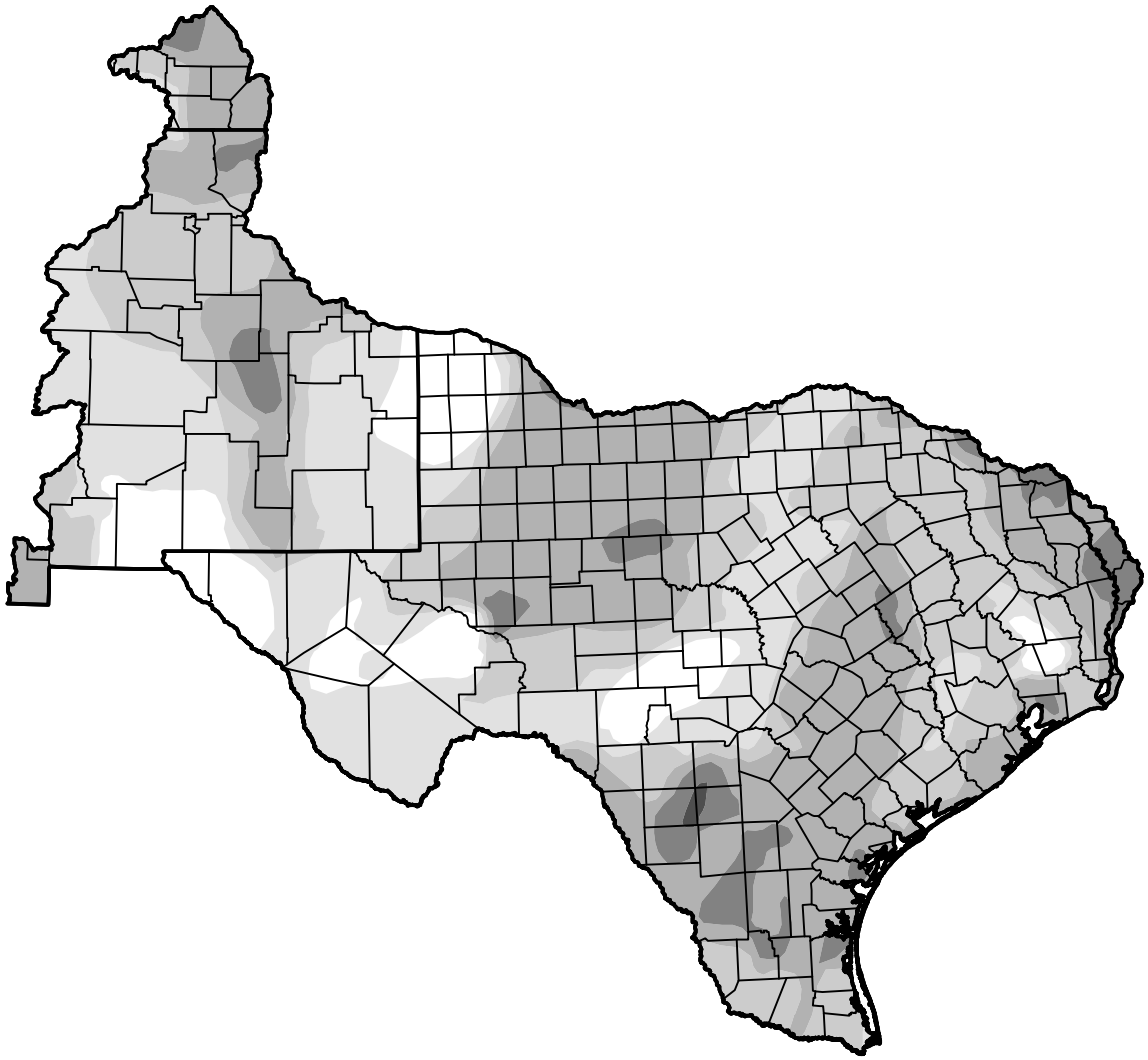
U.S. Drought Monitor

West Gulf RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.74	90.26	65.14	38.16	5.81	0.14
Last Week *10-13-2026*	5.13	94.87	78.45	43.74	8.36	0.04
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	53.00	47.00	34.89	20.16	8.17	0.31
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	9.21	90.79	64.26	36.95	8.05	0.30
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	1.68	98.32	89.34	56.95	19.20	1.68
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	7.31	92.69	53.92	24.59	5.81	0.24

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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