U.S. Drought Monitor

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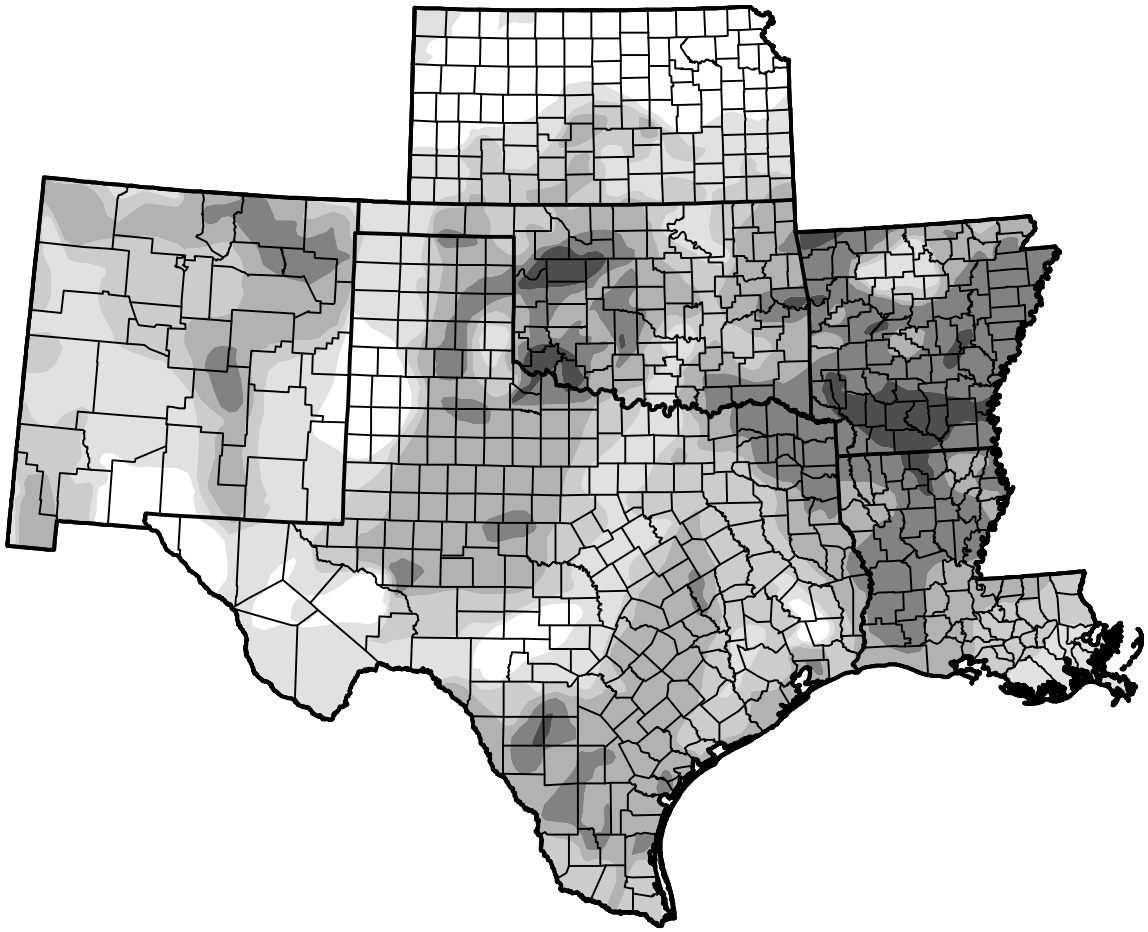

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	11.62	88.38	67.71	46.13	18.33	2.70
Last Week *10-13-2026*	9.08	90.92	76.15	50.56	18.57	2.88
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	45.09	54.91	39.30	24.82	9.61	0.31
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	15.82	84.18	59.58	27.60	5.12	0.15
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	4.64	95.36	86.52	62.01	23.59	4.36
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	23.38	76.62	41.07	17.12	4.45	0.12

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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