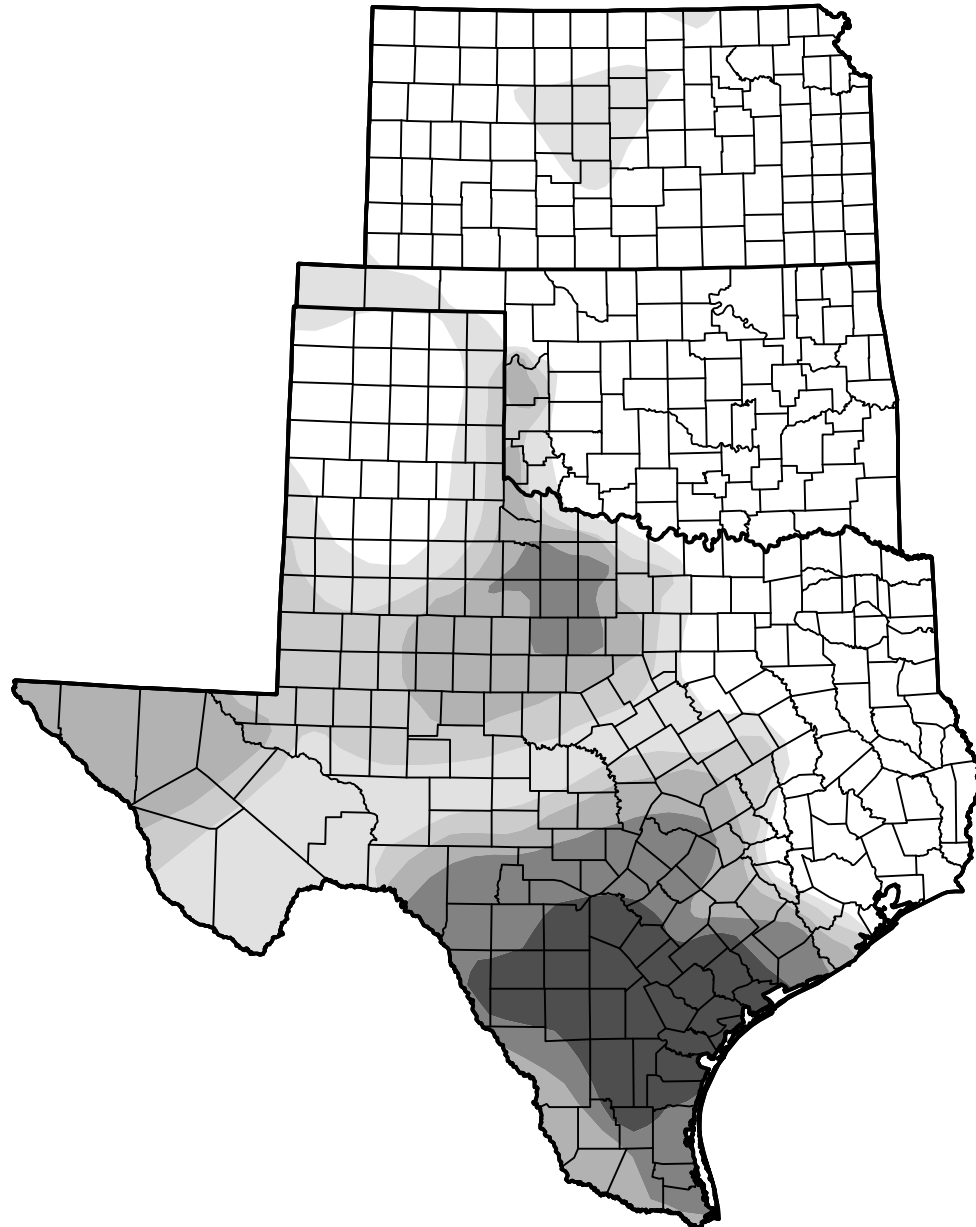


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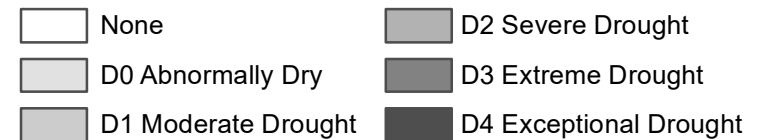


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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	50.58	49.42	34.73	25.20	13.74	6.18
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-28-2009</i>	40.61	59.39	40.01	27.69	13.59	6.18
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-03-2009</i>	22.36	77.64	50.29	30.71	12.44	4.23
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	56.12	43.88	17.73	10.08	5.76	2.64
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-30-2008</i>	73.18	26.82	15.22	6.84	2.31	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-06-2008</i>	54.26	45.74	27.76	16.15	4.37	0.00

***Intensity:***



*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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