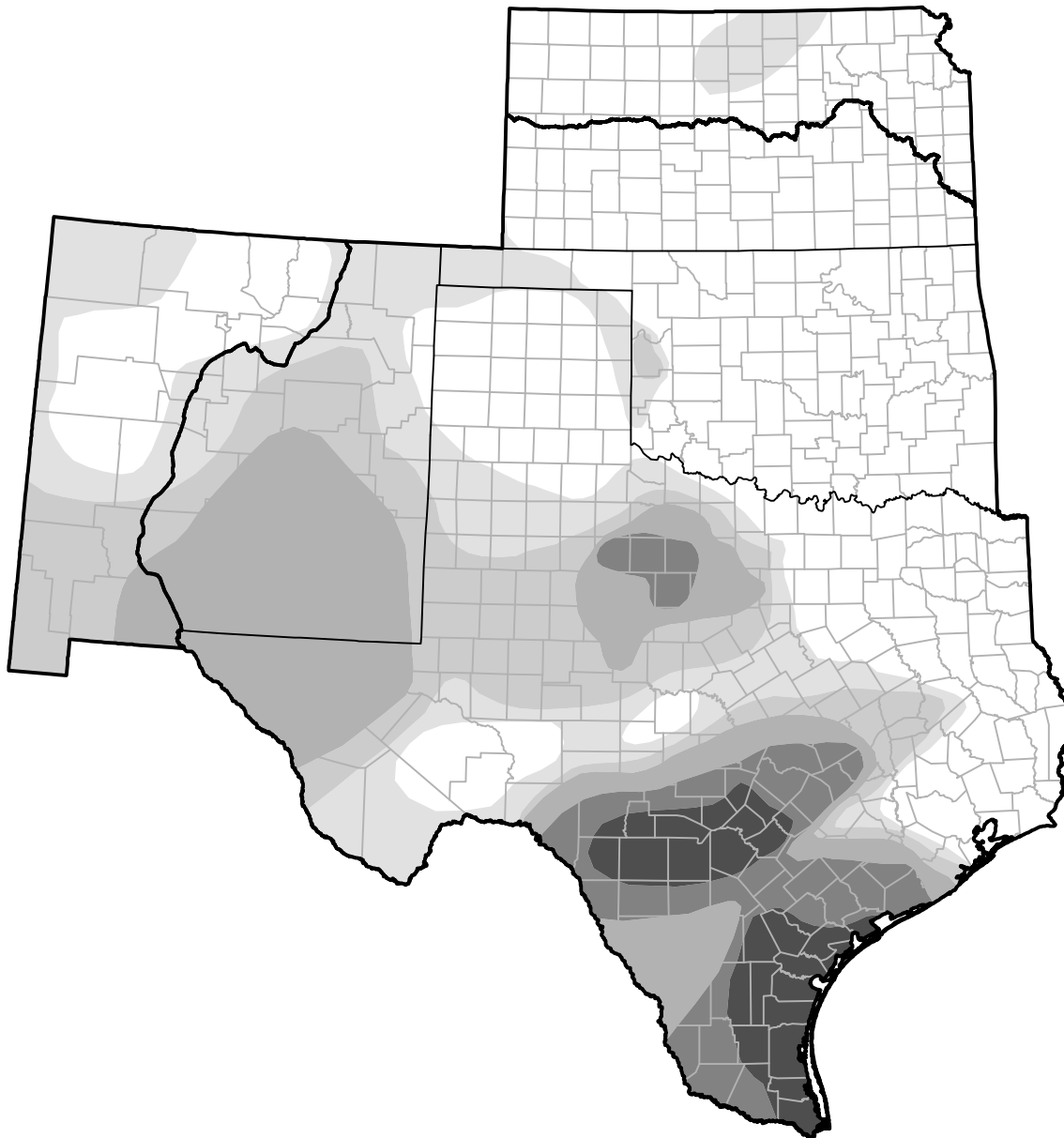


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	38.37	17.94	15.58	16.22	6.95	4.94
<b>Last Week</b> <i>05-14-2009</i>	37.81	20.28	15.06	13.09	5.11	8.65
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>02-19-2009</i>	21.74	36.26	15.13	15.29	6.61	4.97
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2009</i>	52.57	30.95	7.26	3.94	2.86	2.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-02-2008</i>	70.49	16.59	6.85	3.95	2.11	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>05-22-2008</i>	47.63	14.38	22.53	13.41	2.05	0.00

***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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