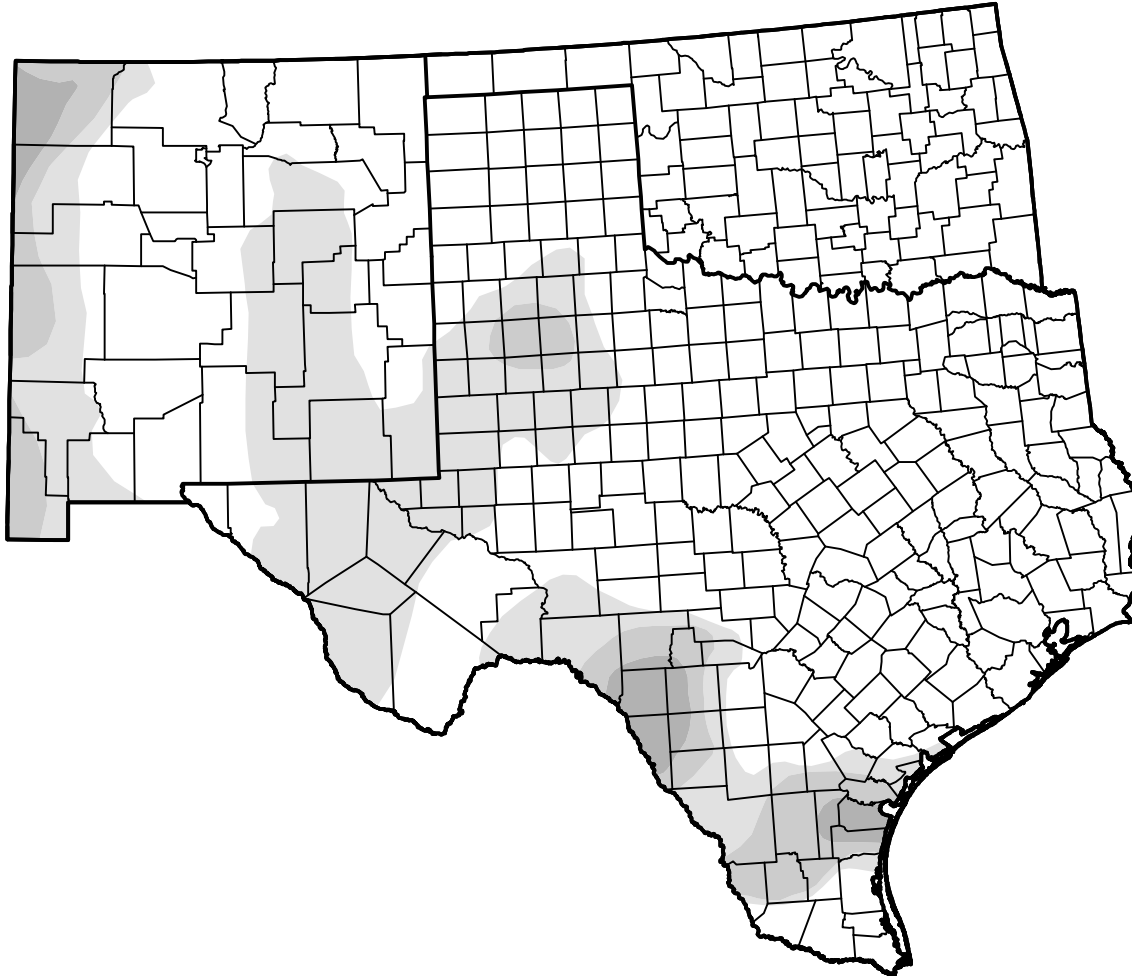


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Southern Plains RDEWS

**December 22, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	72.43	27.57	7.42	1.95	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2009</i>	72.14	27.86	7.61	3.25	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2009</i>	70.77	29.23	17.31	13.27	9.01	2.20
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>12-30-2008</i>	52.58	47.42	16.47	9.21	5.27	2.41
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2009</i>	71.51	28.49	16.94	12.75	7.15	1.82
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2008</i>	44.63	55.37	18.31	9.36	5.27	2.41

***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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