

# U.S. Drought Monitor

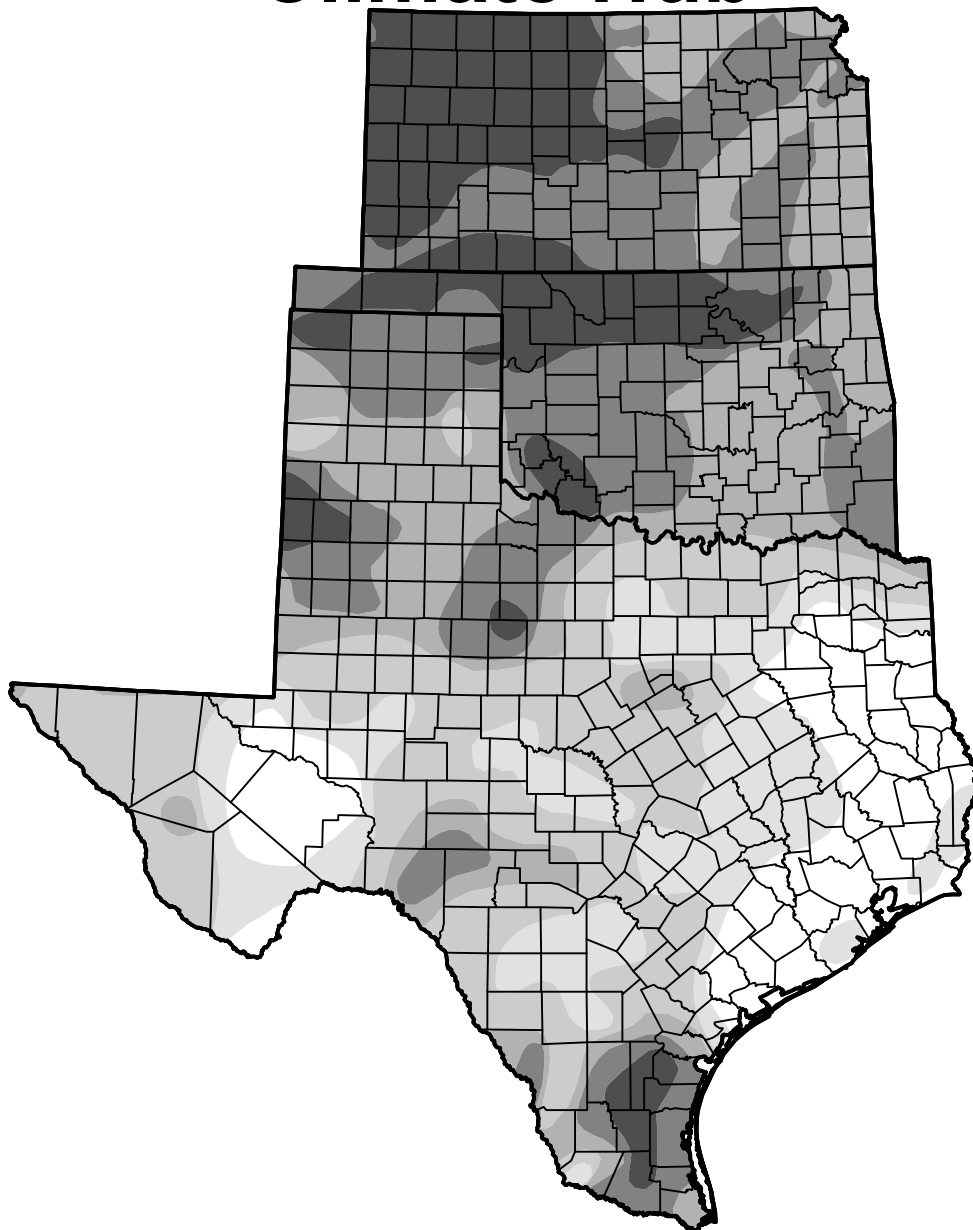
## USDA Southern Plains Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	10.85	89.15	76.16	56.19	36.56	14.40
<b>Last Week</b> <i>10-09-2012</i>	10.48	89.52	78.01	56.62	42.45	15.96
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>07-17-2012</i>	7.87	92.13	81.48	50.57	20.36	1.21
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2012</i>	10.87	89.13	84.64	66.92	49.90	21.26
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-25-2012</i>	5.80	94.20	86.49	72.94	49.21	20.41
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>10-18-2011</i>	4.31	95.69	93.20	89.36	79.49	59.02



***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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