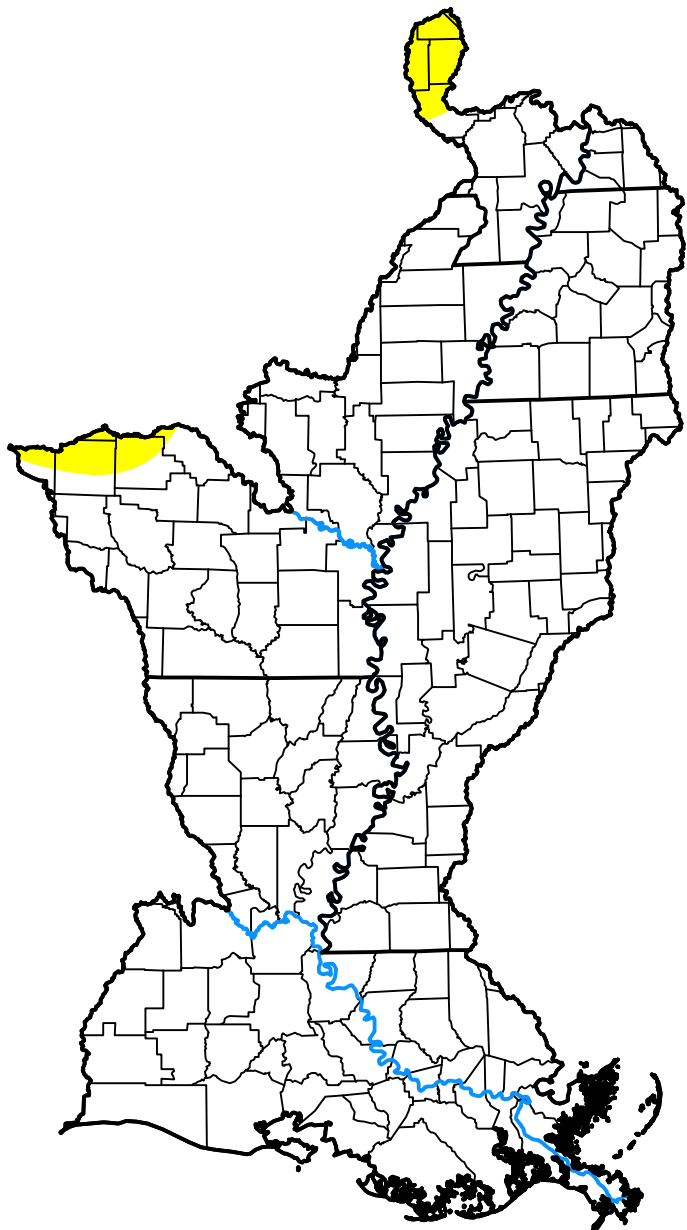


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**October 15, 2002**  
*(Released Thursday, Oct. 17, 2002)*  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 97.81  | 2.19  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-10-2002</i>              | 88.19  | 11.81 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-18-2002</i>           | 13.35  | 61.52 | 20.09 | 5.03 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2002</i> | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-03-2002</i>    | 92.95  | 7.05  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2001</i>           | 91.54  | 7.02  | 1.44  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

**Intensity:**

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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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