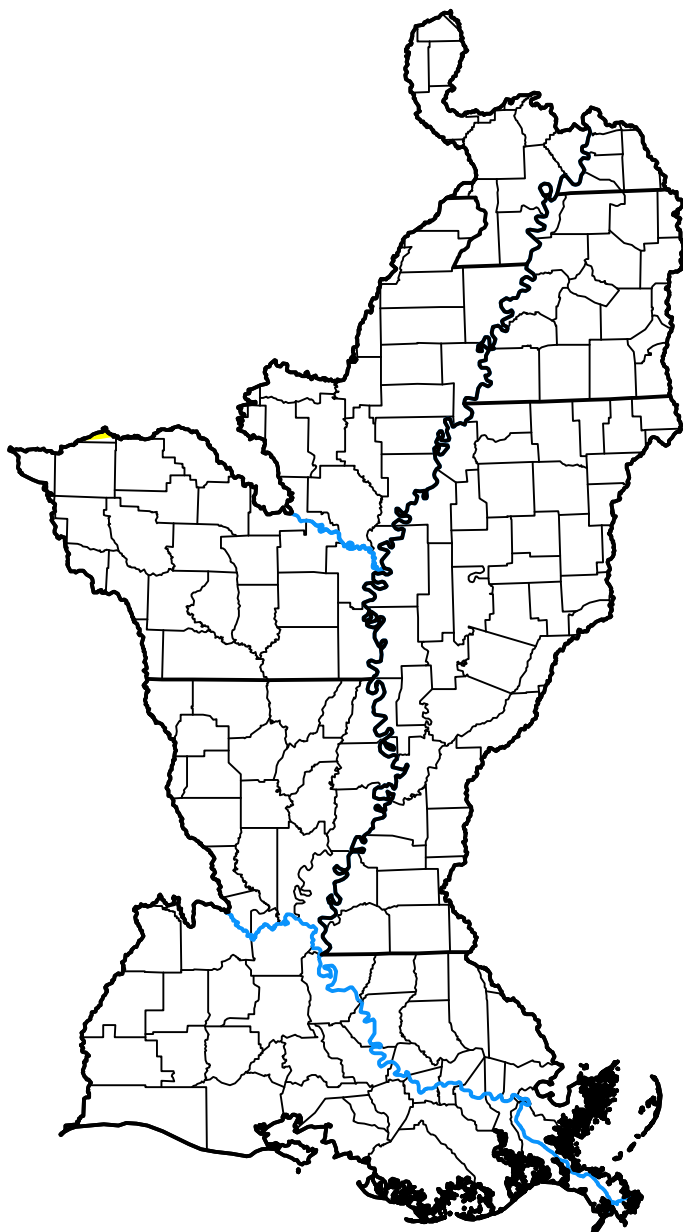


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	99.96	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-12-2002</i>	99.99	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-19-2002</i>	57.54	42.46	0.37	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2002</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-03-2002</i>	92.95	7.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2001</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	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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