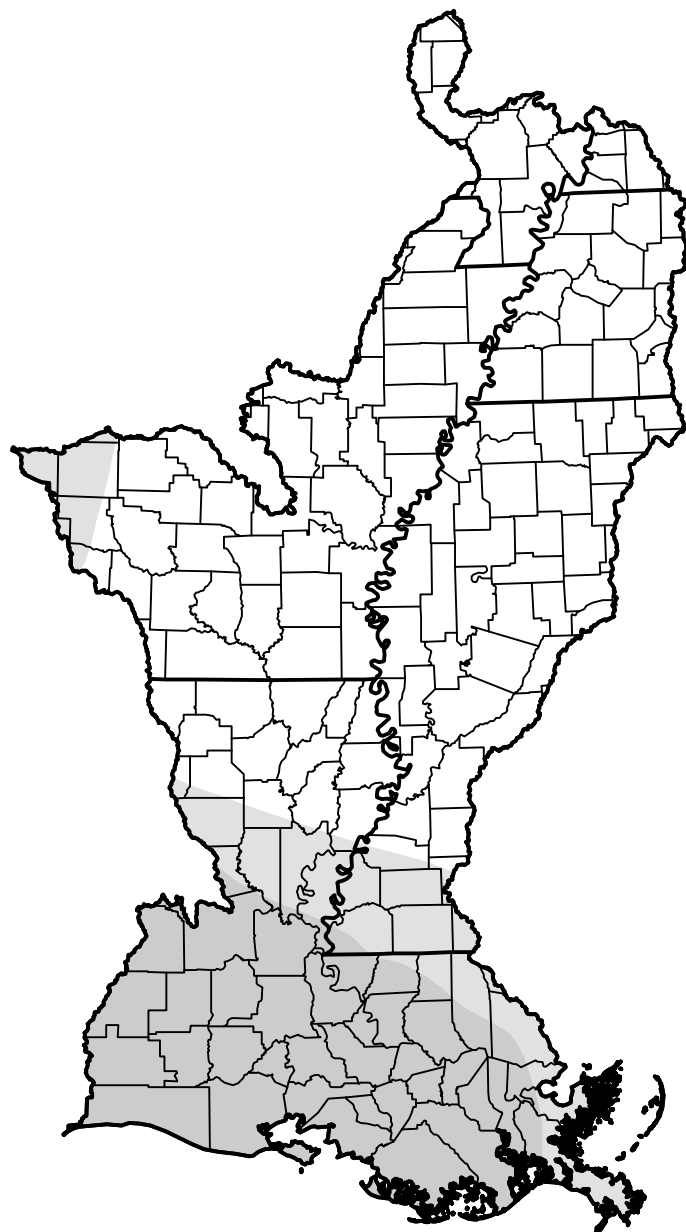


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	66.19	10.55	23.26	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>05-15-2003</i>	55.02	35.44	9.55	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-20-2003</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-02-2003</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>05-23-2002</i>	58.91	15.06	26.03	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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