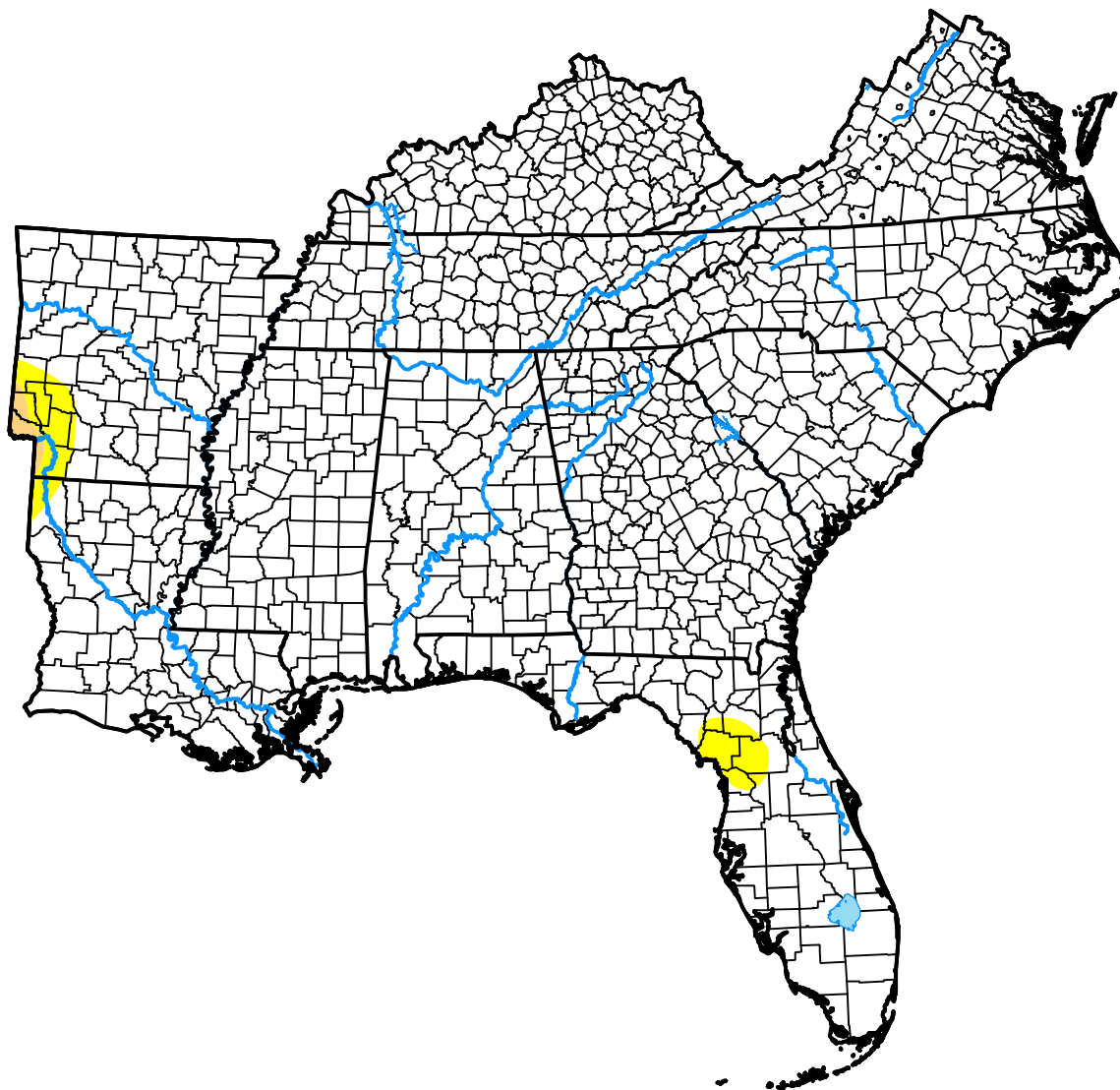


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub

**December 16, 2003**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 18, 2003)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0    | D1   | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 98.18  | 1.59  | 0.23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-09-2003</i>              | 95.20  | 4.56  | 0.24 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2003</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2002</i> | 86.94  | 13.06 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2003</i>    | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-17-2002</i>           | 79.94  | 19.04 | 1.02 | 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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