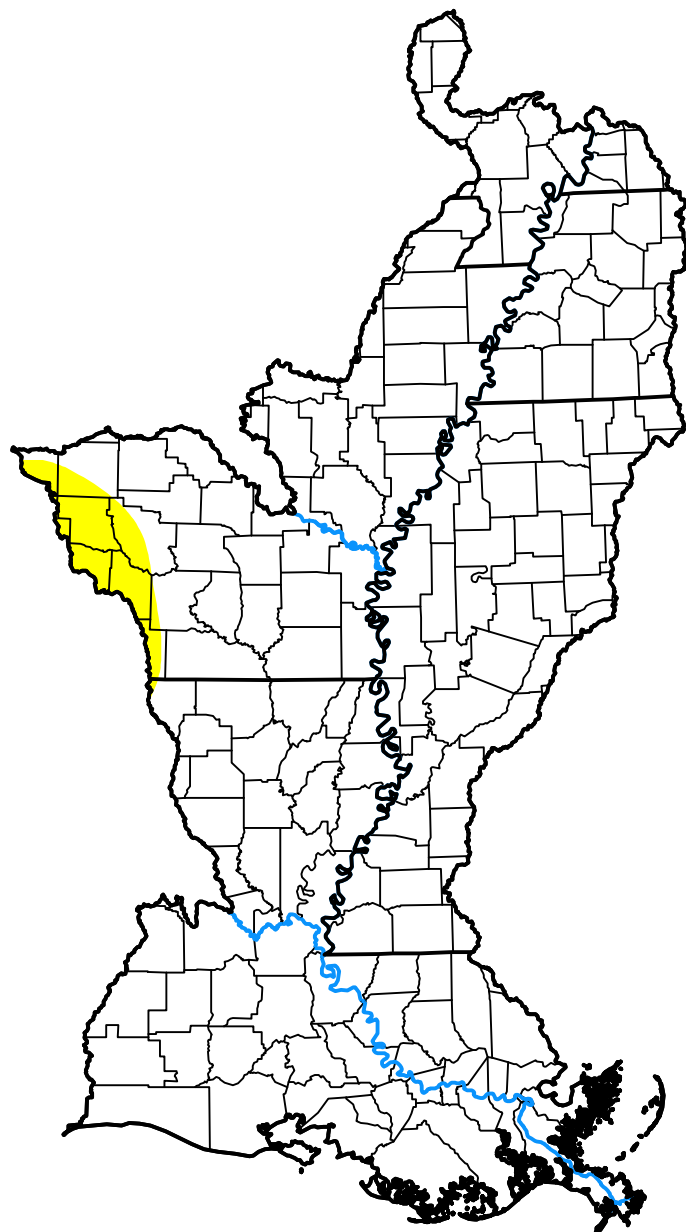


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



December 23, 2003
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	97.41	2.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-18-2003	98.65	1.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-25-2003	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-02-2003	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2003	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-26-2002	99.98	0.02	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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