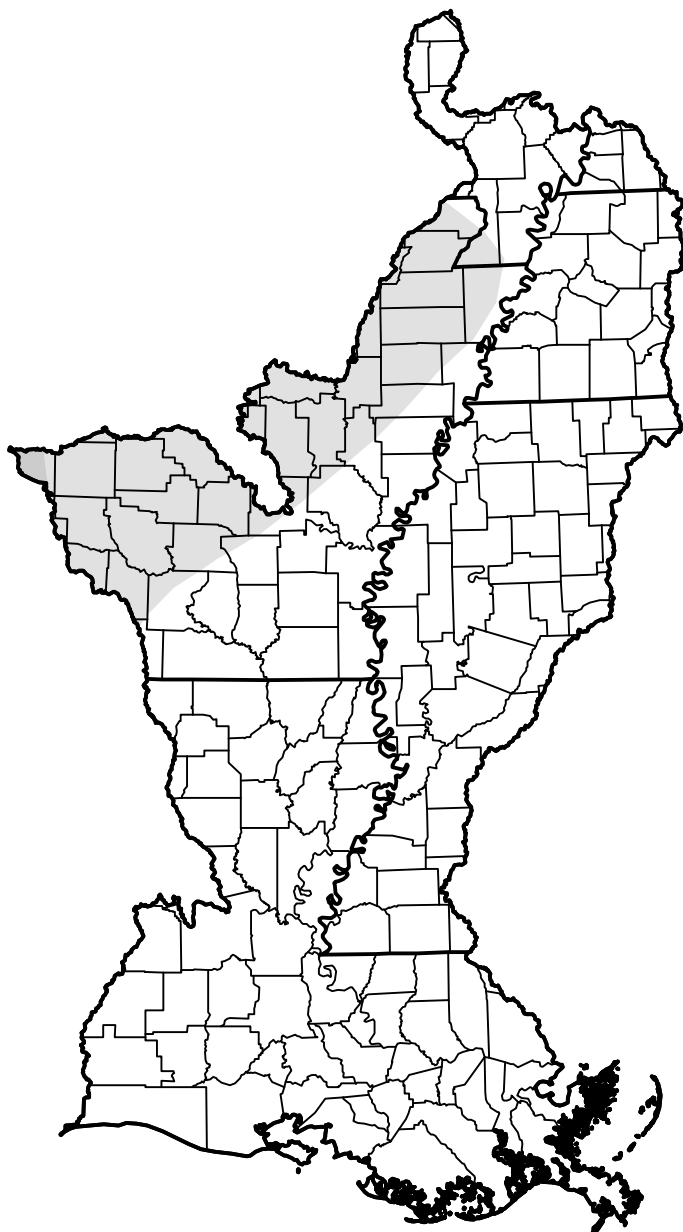


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	85.19	14.60	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>10-13-2005</i>	90.69	9.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-21-2005</i>	46.71	24.75	14.73	10.90	2.91	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2005</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2005</i>	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-21-2004</i>	92.58	7.42	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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