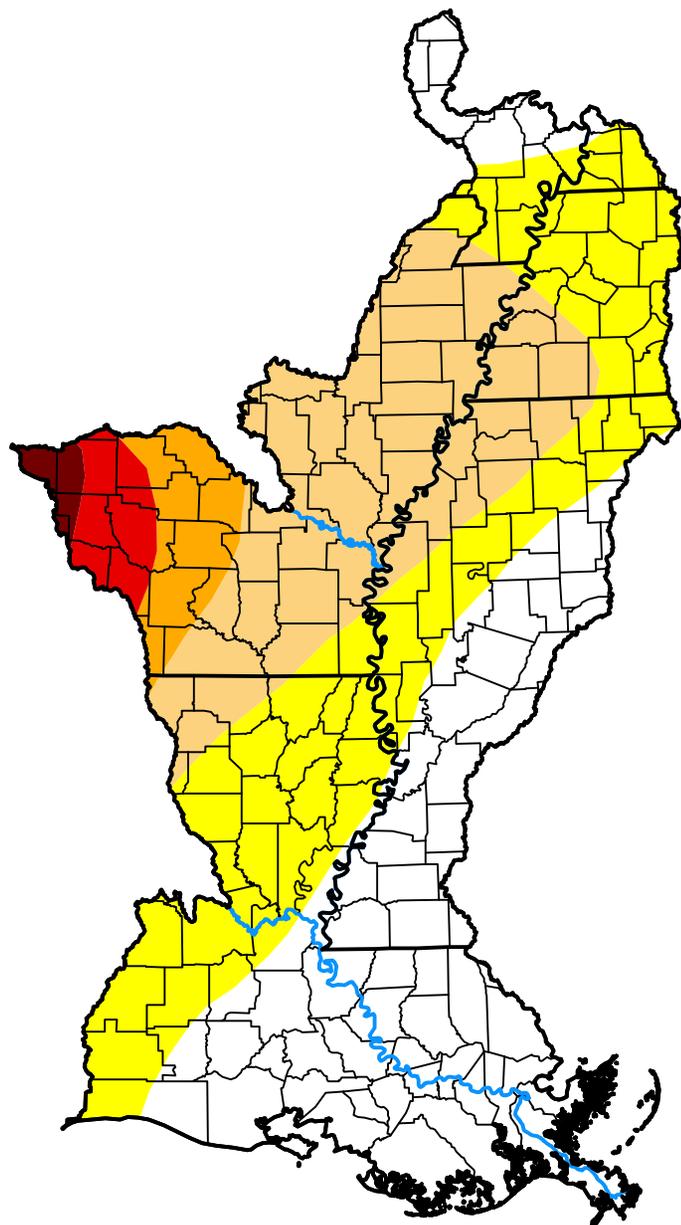


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.39	31.37	25.22	4.37	2.79	0.87
Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i>	12.73	36.27	42.71	7.36	0.93	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i>	43.79	13.24	23.34	19.63	0.00	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>12-23-2004</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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