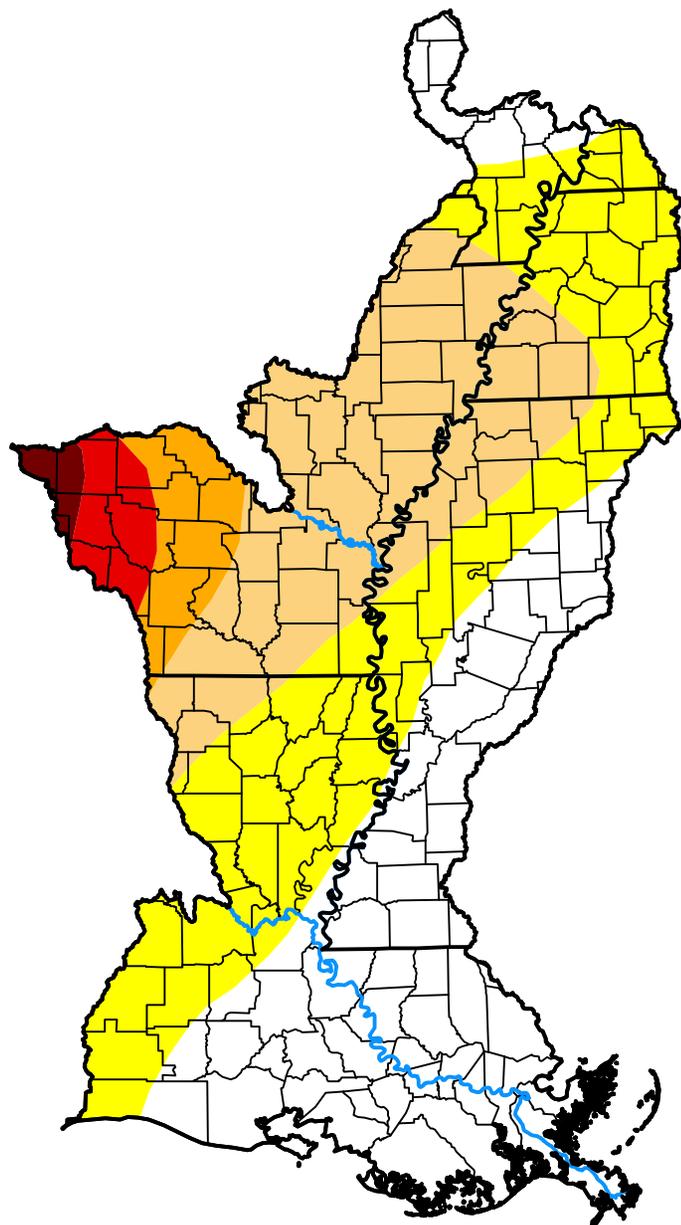


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

December 20, 2005
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|--|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| Current | 35.39 | 64.61 | 33.24 | 8.03 | 3.65 | 0.87 |
| Last Week <i>12-15-2005</i> | 12.73 | 87.27 | 51.01 | 8.29 | 0.93 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>09-22-2005</i> | 43.79 | 56.21 | 42.96 | 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:



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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