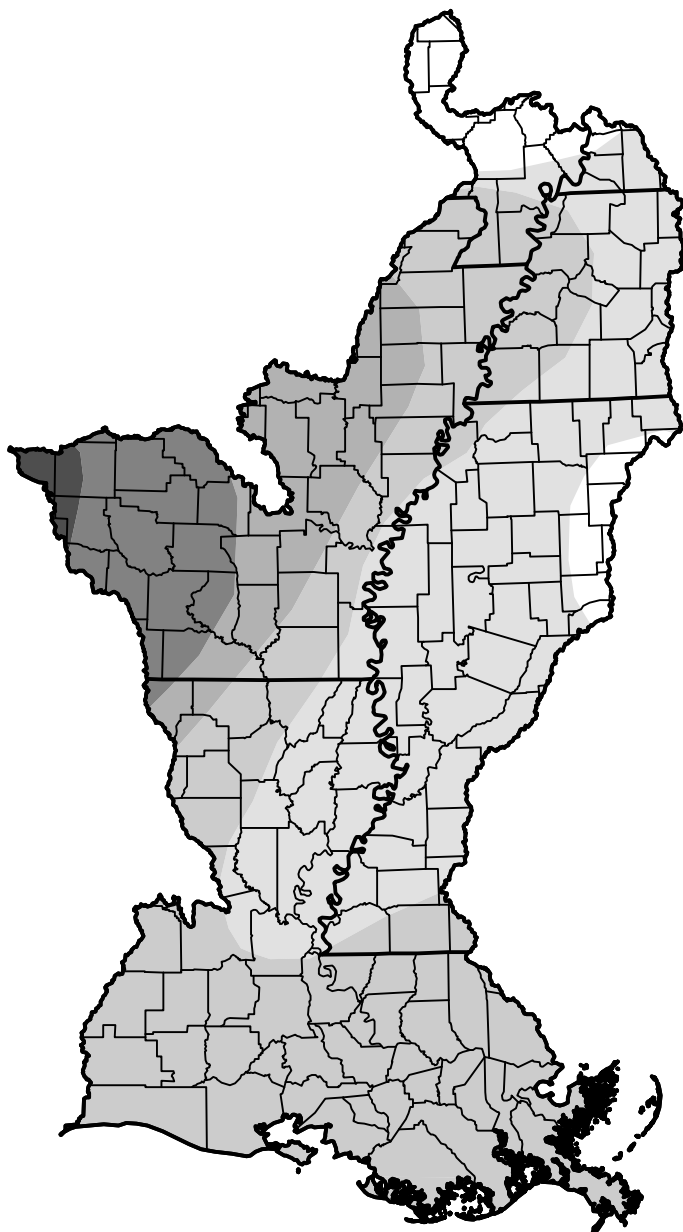


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	5.02	94.98	60.25	17.98	8.56	0.87
Last Week <i>01-12-2006</i>	2.85	97.15	47.53	18.73	8.56	0.87
3 Months Ago <i>10-20-2005</i>	85.19	14.81	0.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	31.92	68.08	38.75	18.15	3.65	0.87
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>01-20-2005</i>	100.00	0.00	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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