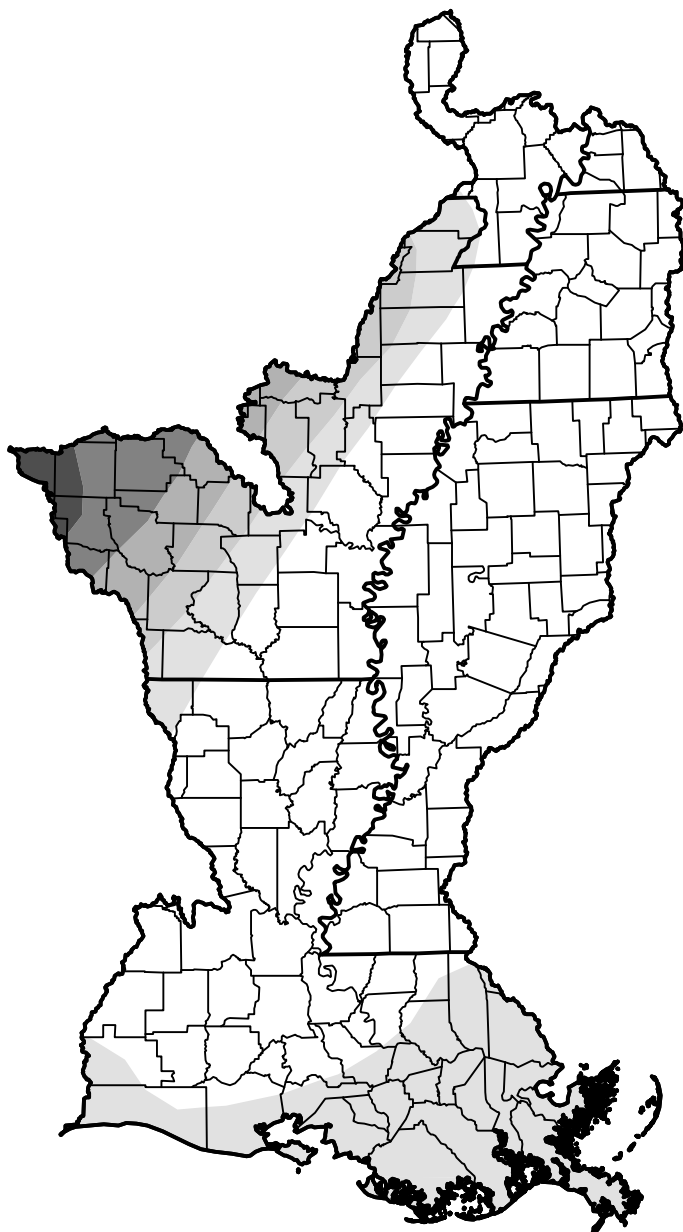


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	69.88	19.77	3.96	2.79	2.76	0.85
Last Week <i>02-16-2006</i>	66.91	19.78	4.90	4.80	3.22	0.39
3 Months Ago <i>11-24-2005</i>	7.98	53.63	33.29	5.09	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	31.92	29.33	20.60	14.50	2.79	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>02-24-2005</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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