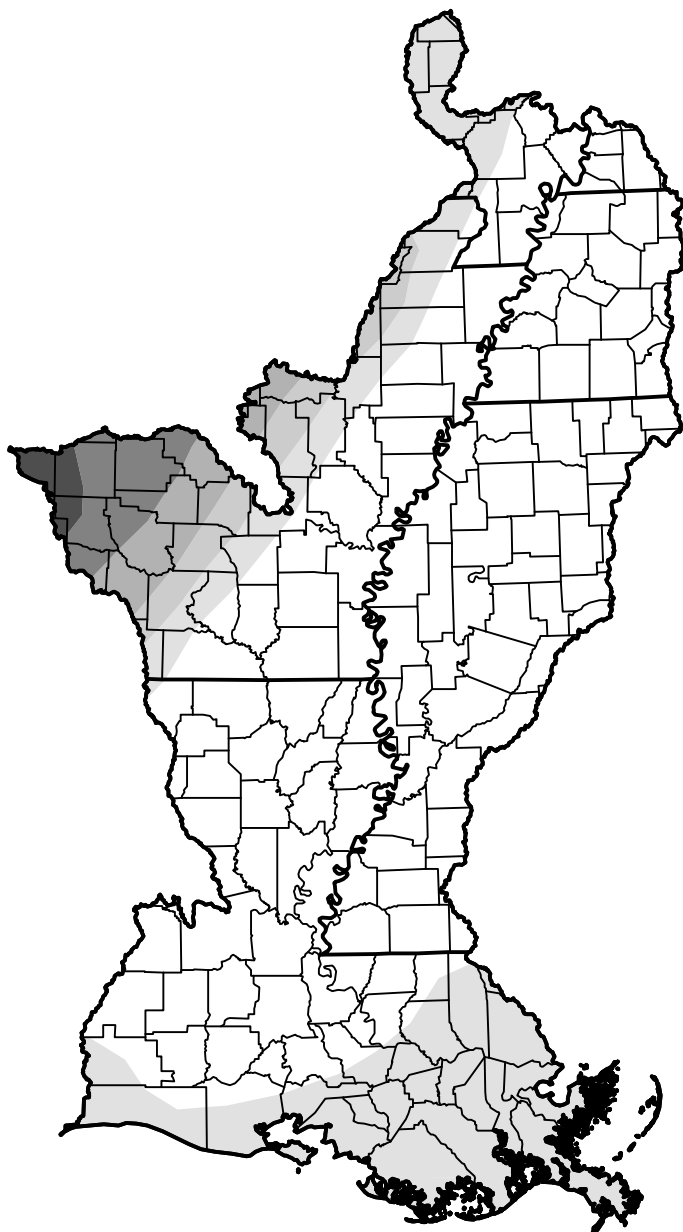


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.96	29.04	9.24	6.39	3.60	0.85
Last Week <i>02-23-2006</i>	69.88	30.12	10.36	6.39	3.60	0.85
3 Months Ago <i>12-01-2005</i>	12.71	87.29	38.33	5.09	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>03-03-2005</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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