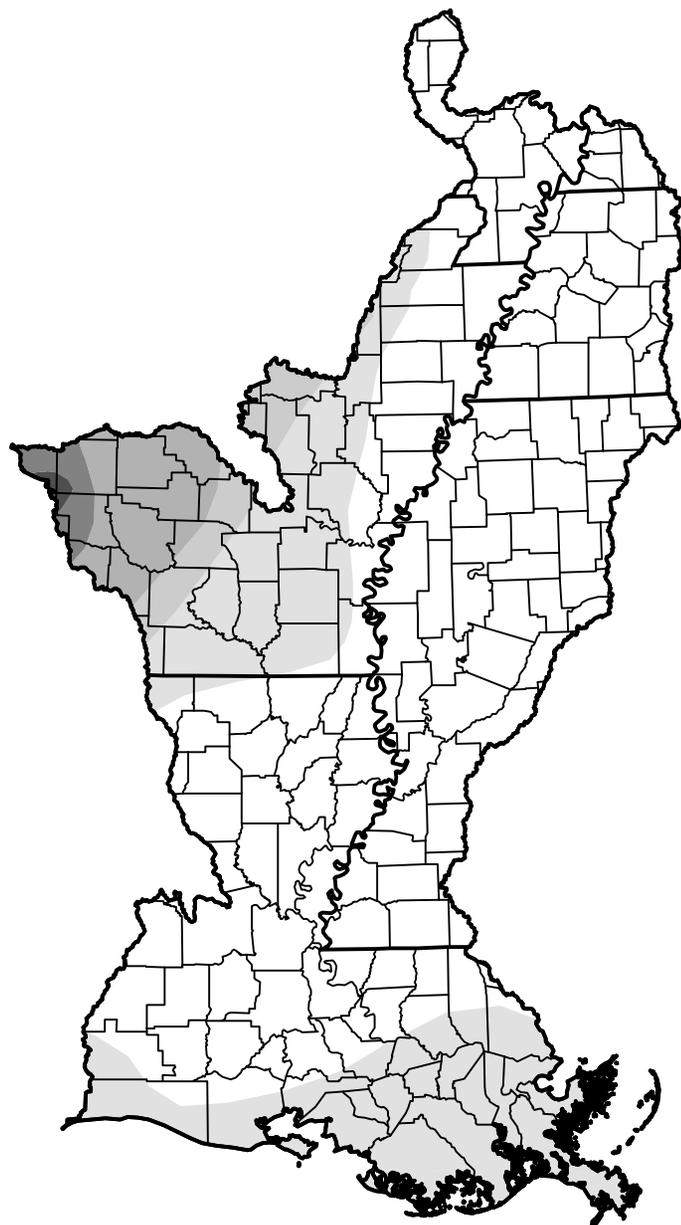


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**March 14, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	69.07	22.62	2.66	4.47	1.00	0.18
<b>Last Week</b> <i>03-09-2006</i>	70.67	18.23	4.52	2.98	2.76	0.85
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-15-2005</i>	12.73	36.27	42.71	7.36	0.93	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	31.92	29.33	20.60	14.50	2.79	0.87
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2005</i>	97.20	2.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>03-17-2005</i>	99.43	0.57	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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