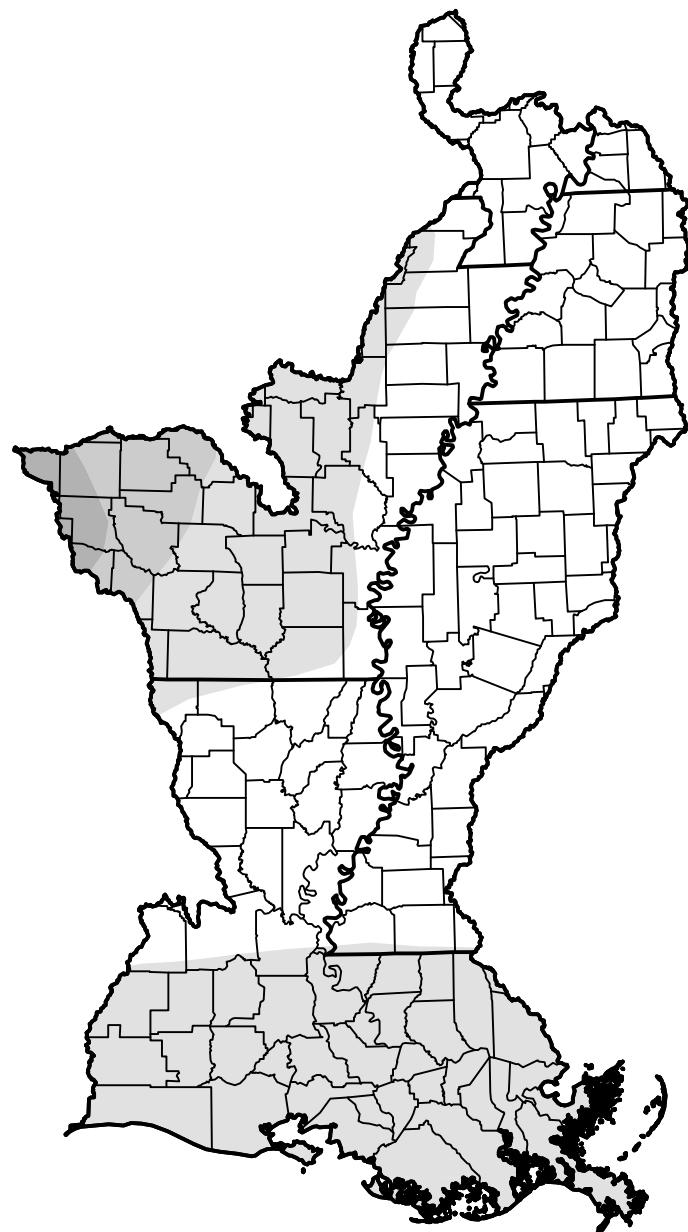


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	57.35	42.65	5.09	1.34	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-16-2006</i>	69.07	30.93	8.31	5.65	1.18	0.18
3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2005</i>	35.39	64.61	33.24	8.03	3.65	0.87
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>03-24-2005</i>	94.71	5.29	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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