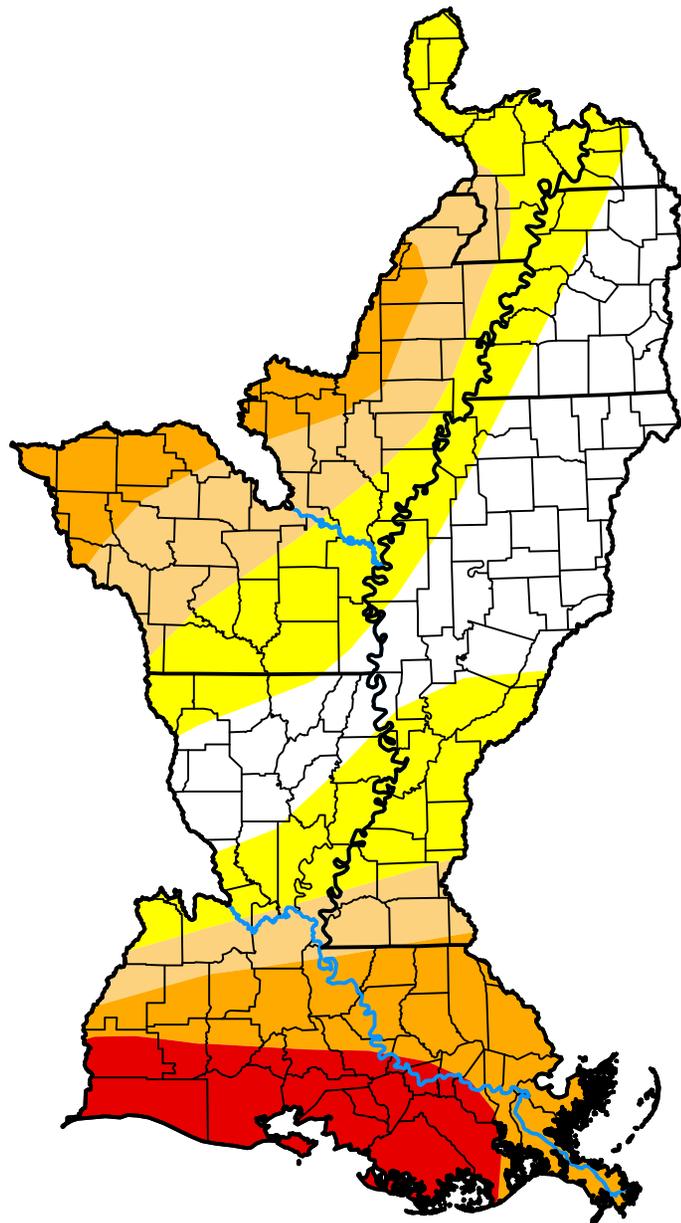


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**April 18, 2006**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	25.46	74.54	45.60	28.73	10.07	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-13-2006</i>	41.10	58.90	34.09	16.03	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-19-2006</i>	5.02	94.98	60.25	17.98	8.56	0.87
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2006</i>	31.92	68.08	38.75	18.15	3.65	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>04-21-2005</i>	100.00	0.00	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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