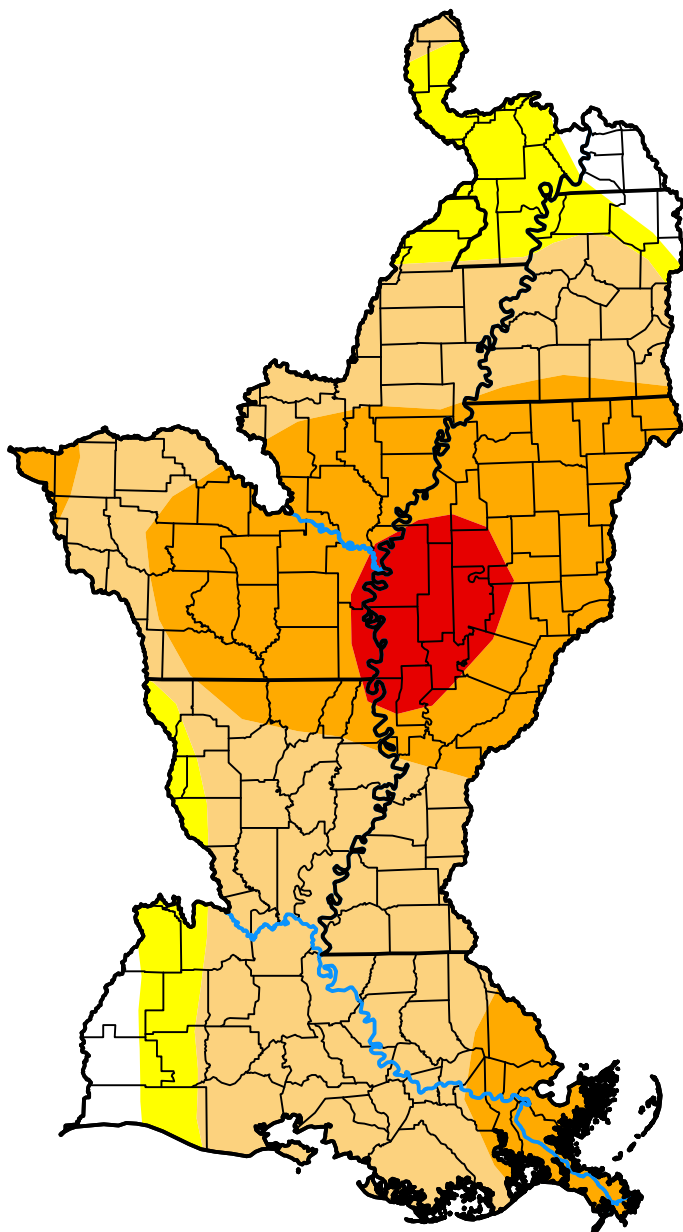


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**August 15, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 17, 2006)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 4.03  | 95.97 | 85.03 | 39.25 | 5.82  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>08-10-2006</i>              | 4.03  | 95.97 | 84.92 | 45.20 | 13.80 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-18-2006</i>           | 49.56 | 50.44 | 25.07 | 12.66 | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 31.92 | 68.08 | 38.75 | 18.15 | 3.65  | 0.87 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2005</i>    | 97.20 | 2.80  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>08-18-2005</i>           | 22.06 | 77.94 | 33.98 | 16.99 | 2.64  | 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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