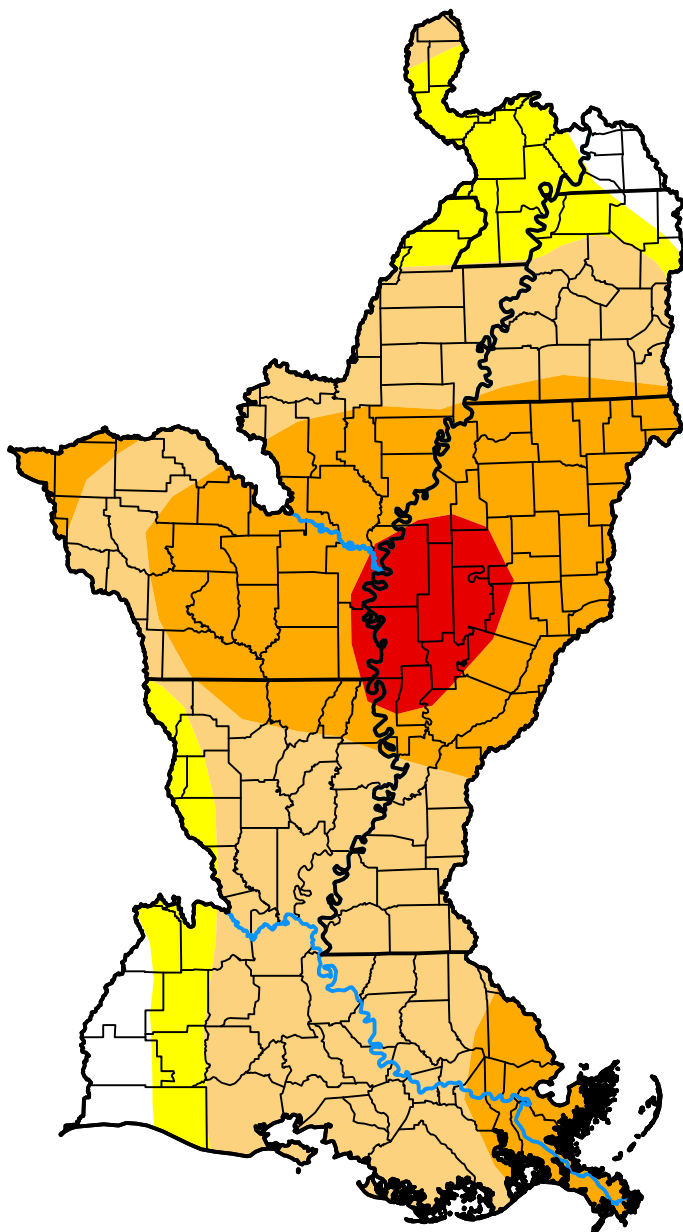


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	4.29	11.63	44.27	33.99	5.82	0.00
Last Week <i>08-17-2006</i>	4.03	10.94	45.78	33.43	5.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-25-2006</i>	49.56	26.75	9.11	14.57	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2006</i>	31.92	29.33	20.60	14.50	2.79	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>08-25-2005</i>	26.42	30.97	13.40	26.56	2.64	0.00

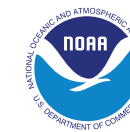
Intensity:

None	D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry	D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought	D4 Exceptional Drought

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