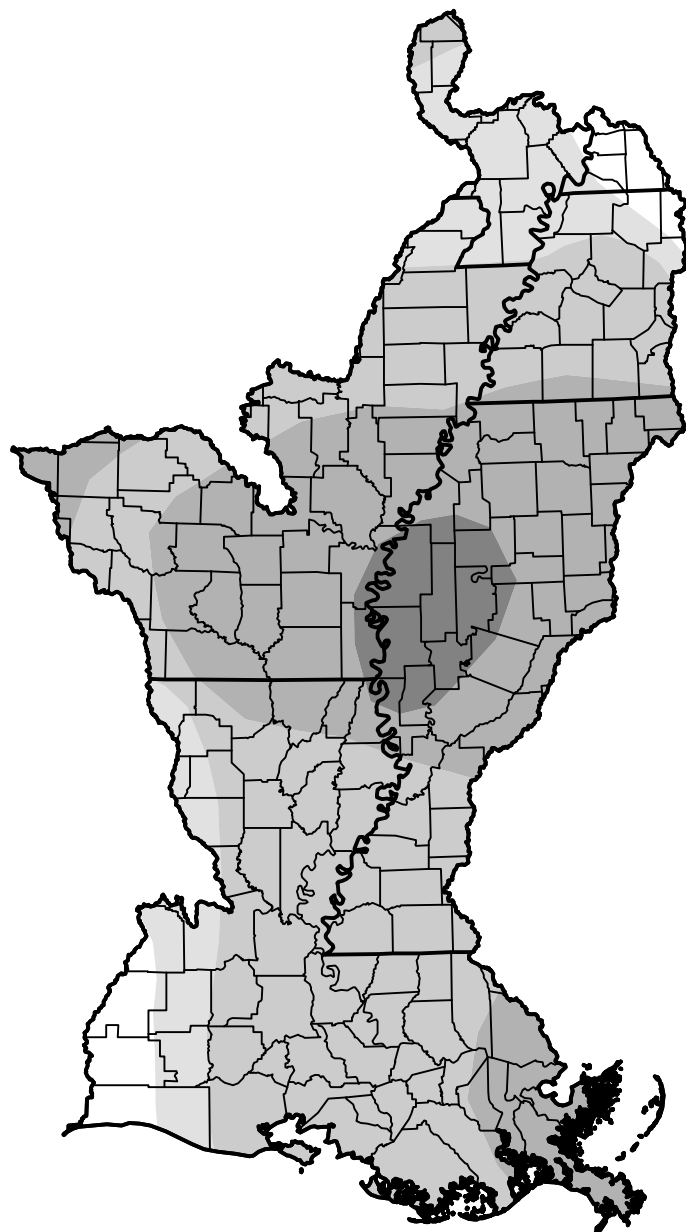


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	4.29	95.71	84.08	39.81	5.82	0.00
Last Week <i>08-17-2006</i>	4.03	95.97	85.03	39.25	5.82	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-25-2006</i>	49.56	50.44	23.68	14.57	0.00	0.00
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>08-25-2005</i>	26.42	73.58	42.61	29.20	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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