

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

October 17, 2006

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 34.77 | 46.36 | 16.81 | 2.06  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-12-2006</i>              | 14.28 | 52.93 | 31.31 | 1.48  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-20-2006</i>           | 10.69 | 12.97 | 43.69 | 25.10 | 7.55 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2006</i> | 31.92 | 29.33 | 20.60 | 14.50 | 2.79 | 0.87 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-28-2006</i>    | 21.32 | 62.46 | 14.80 | 1.42  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-20-2005</i>           | 85.19 | 14.60 | 0.21  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |

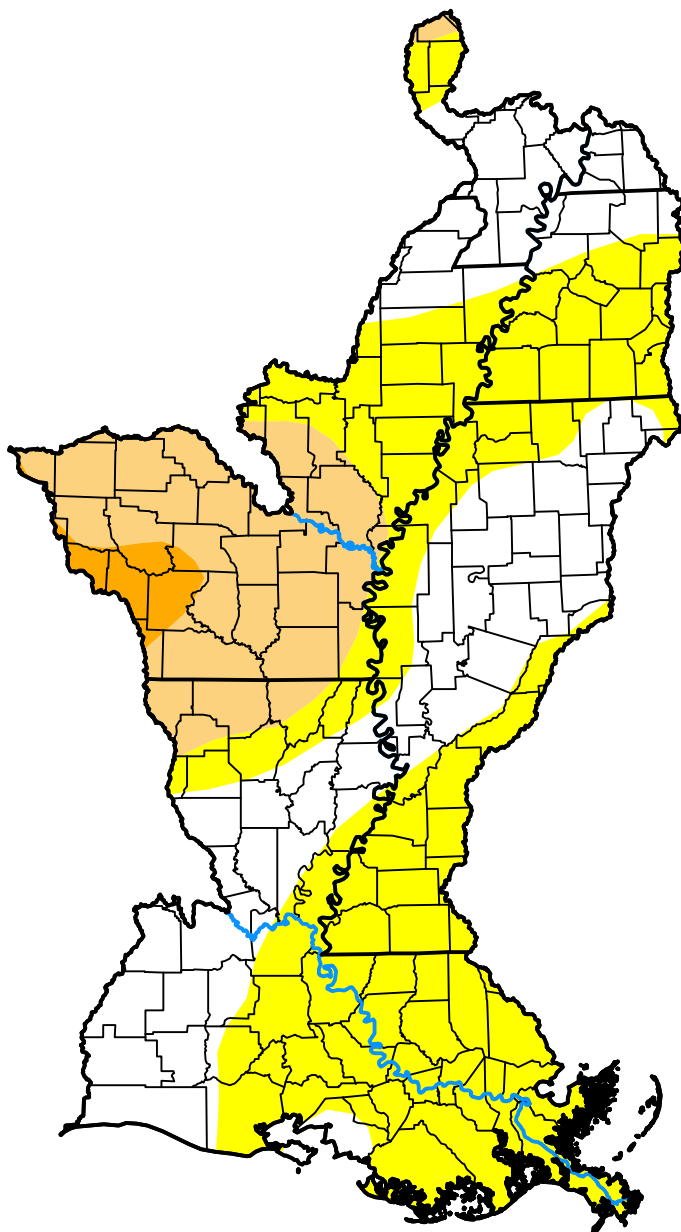
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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