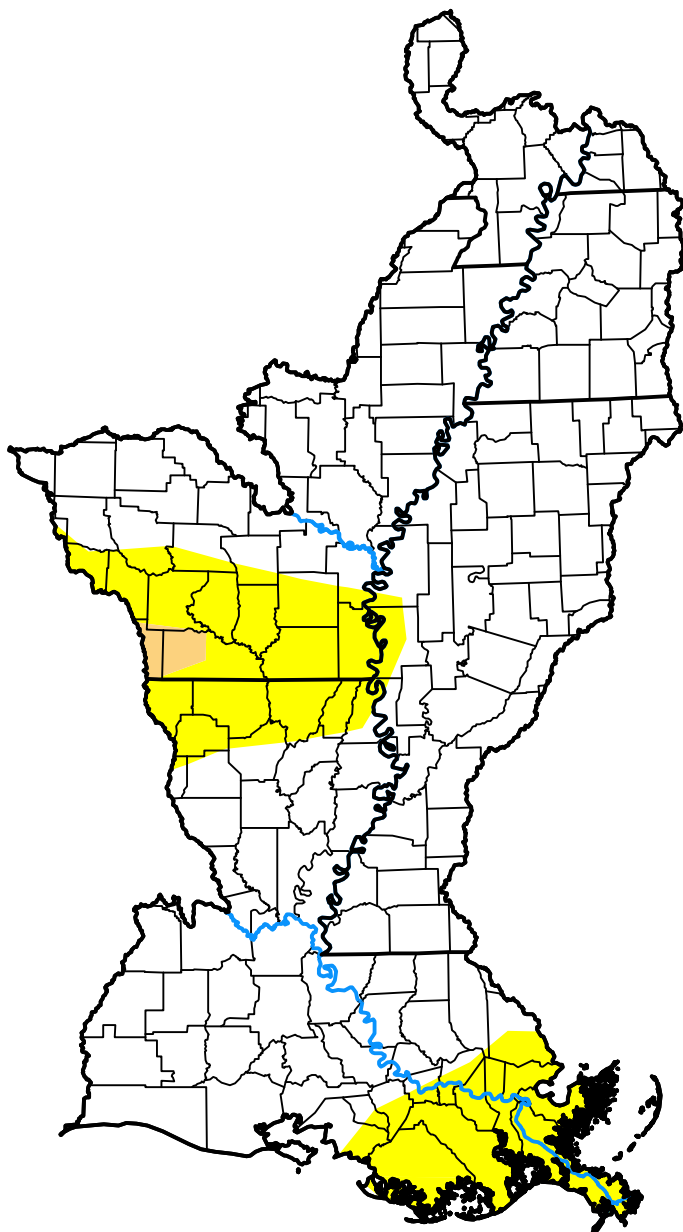


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**December 5, 2006**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 7, 2006)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 81.77 | 18.23 | 0.69  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>11-30-2006</i>              | 78.28 | 21.72 | 2.33  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-07-2006</i>           | 8.31  | 91.69 | 52.78 | 36.64 | 4.11  | 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>09-28-2006</i>    | 21.32 | 78.68 | 16.22 | 1.42  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-08-2005</i>           | 12.73 | 87.27 | 48.27 | 6.78  | 0.43  | 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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