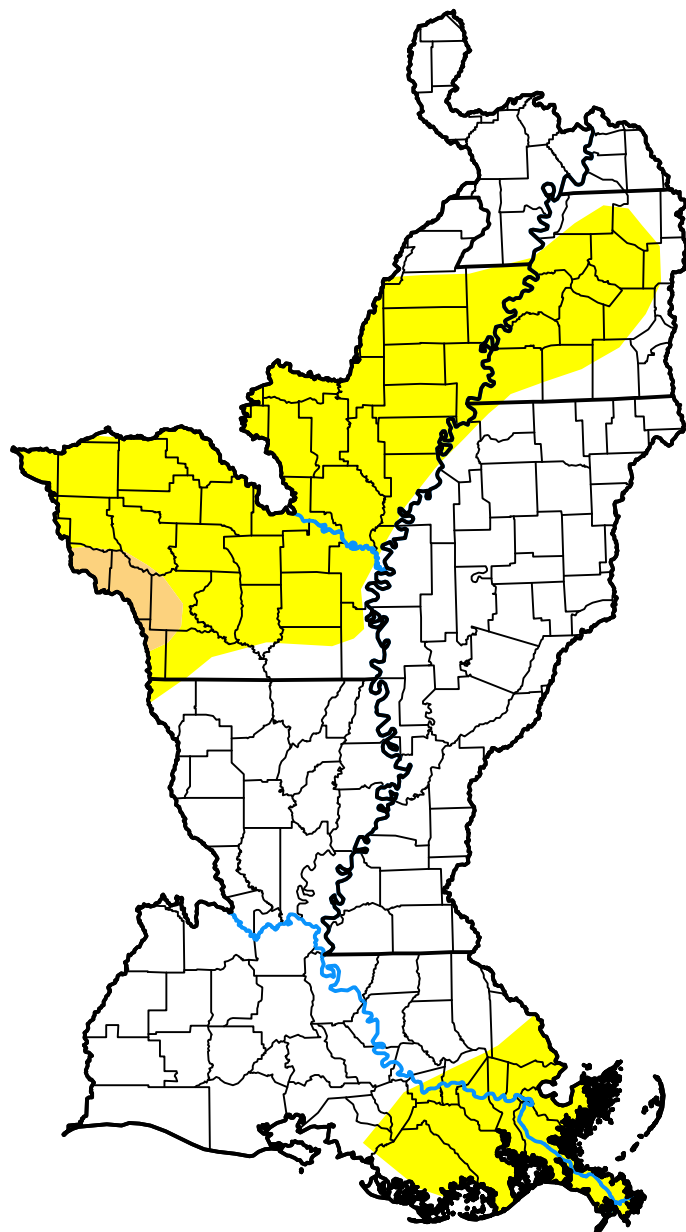


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	65.15	33.51	1.34	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-14-2006	88.45	11.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-21-2006	8.29	64.03	23.54	4.14	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2006	31.92	29.33	20.60	14.50	2.79	0.87
Start of Water Year 09-28-2006	21.32	62.46	14.80	1.42	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-22-2005	35.39	31.37	25.22	4.37	2.79	0.87

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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