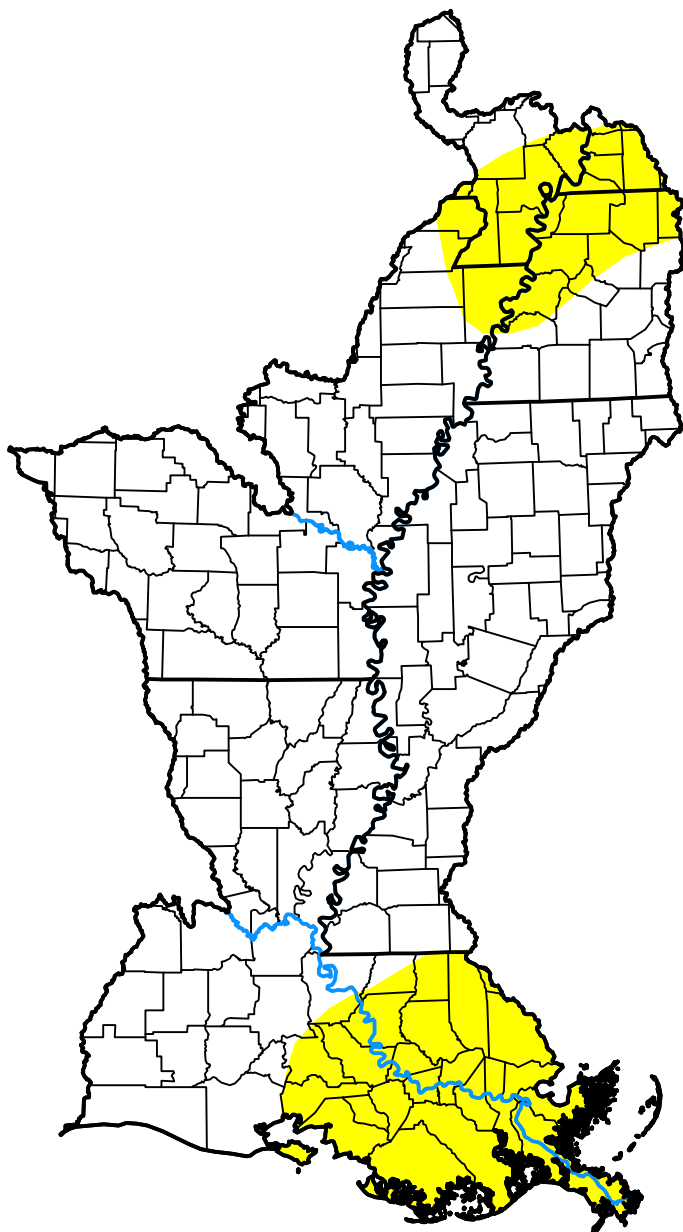


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	78.26	21.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-11-2008</i>	72.61	27.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2008</i>	94.00	3.56	2.44	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2008</i>	77.28	22.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	92.77	3.65	3.47	0.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2007</i>	77.28	22.72	0.00	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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