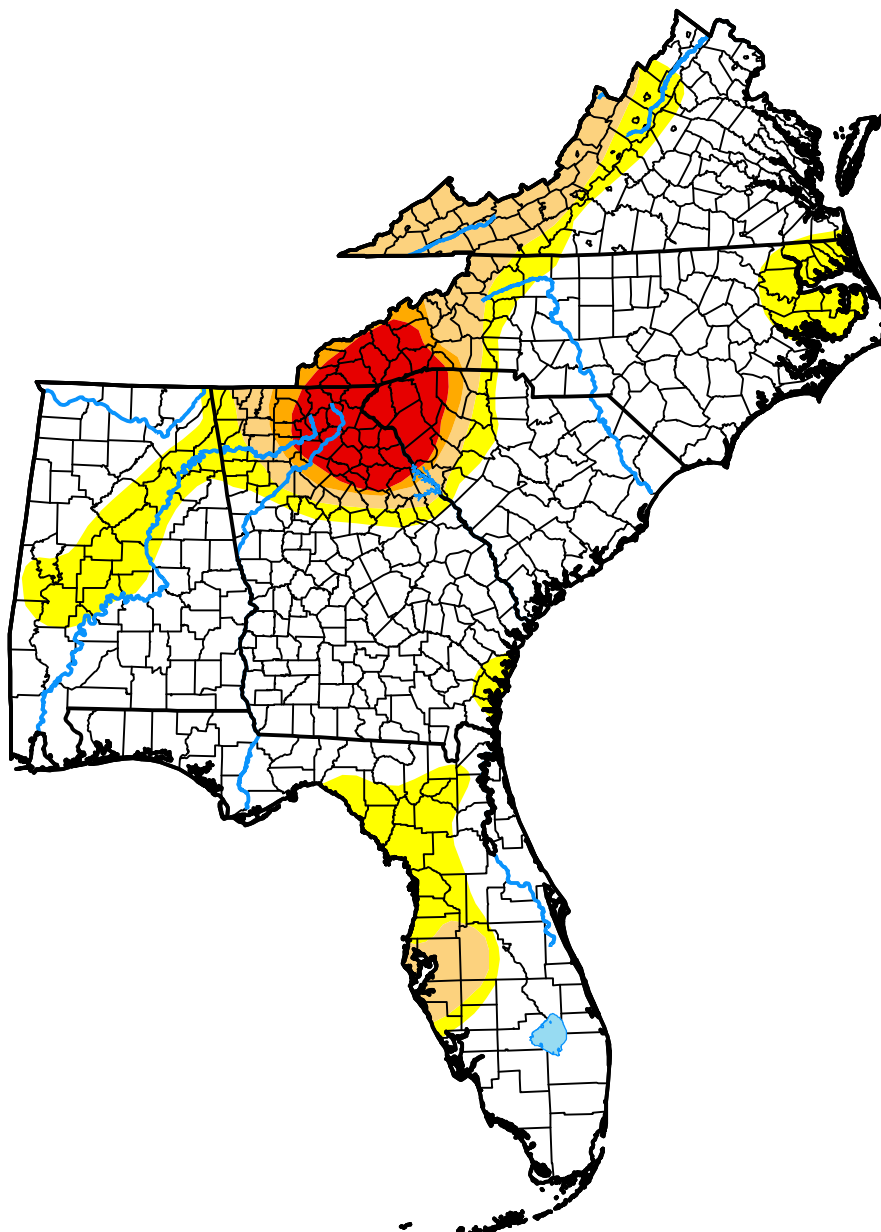


# U.S. Drought Monitor Southeast

**December 16, 2008**  
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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 70.67 | 29.33 | 14.35 | 6.40  | 4.78  | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-09-2008</i>              | 50.63 | 49.37 | 25.49 | 14.03 | 7.58  | 5.03  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-16-2008</i>           | 43.27 | 56.73 | 35.11 | 17.04 | 6.88  | 1.50  |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2008</i> | 9.58  | 90.42 | 74.29 | 58.50 | 40.98 | 22.01 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 35.14 | 64.86 | 41.78 | 20.82 | 9.39  | 1.87  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2007</i>           | 9.06  | 90.94 | 78.37 | 63.02 | 47.96 | 36.25 |

**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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