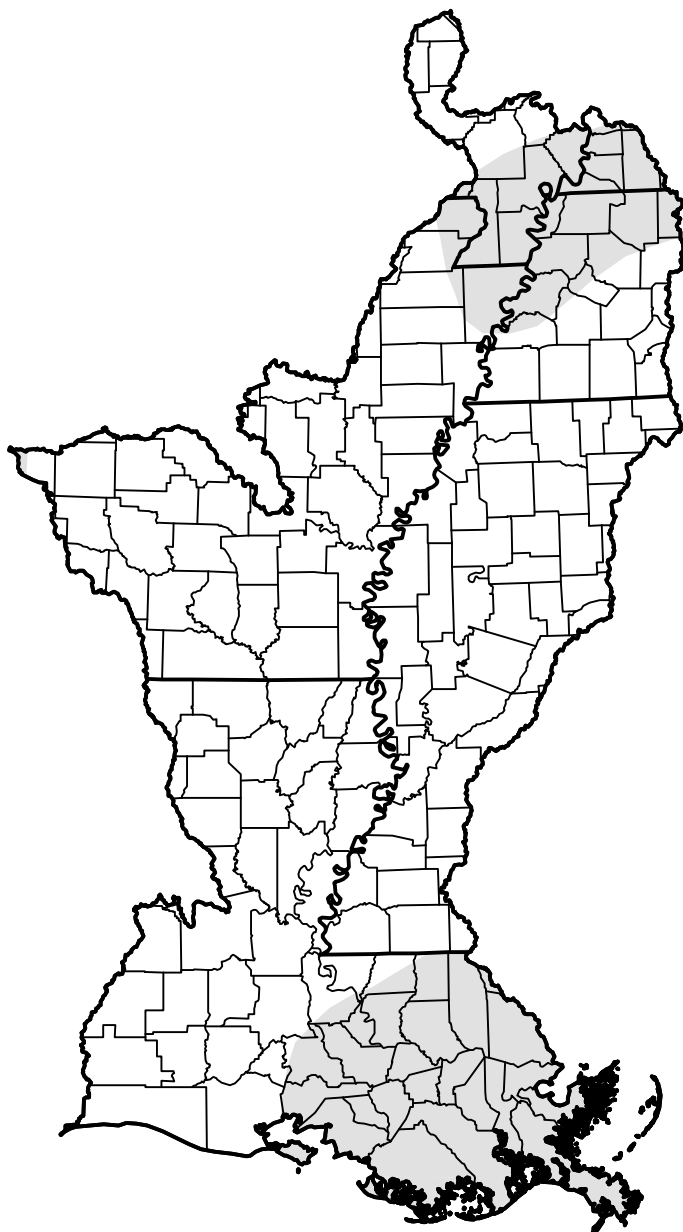


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	78.20	21.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-18-2008	78.26	21.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 09-25-2008	94.00	3.21	2.79	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2008	77.28	22.72	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-02-2008	92.77	3.65	3.47	0.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 12-27-2007	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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