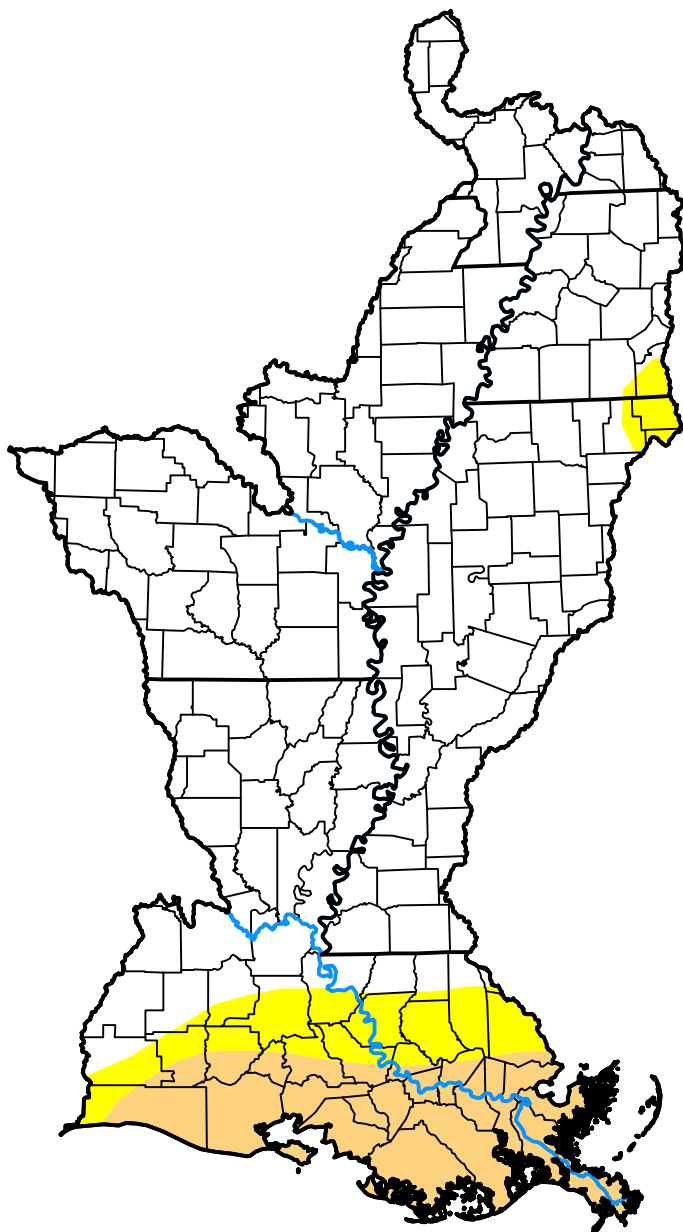


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.45	19.55	12.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>02-12-2009</i>	75.10	24.90	17.72	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-20-2008</i>	87.16	12.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2009</i>	86.64	13.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-02-2008</i>	92.77	7.23	3.58	0.11	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>02-21-2008</i>	67.90	32.10	0.01	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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