

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

March 17, 2009

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 48.17 | 35.36 | 14.14 | 2.34 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-12-2009</i>              | 48.17 | 30.90 | 20.93 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2008</i>           | 78.26 | 21.74 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2009</i> | 86.64 | 13.36 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2008</i>    | 92.77 | 3.65  | 3.47  | 0.11 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-20-2008</i>           | 95.63 | 4.36  | 0.01  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

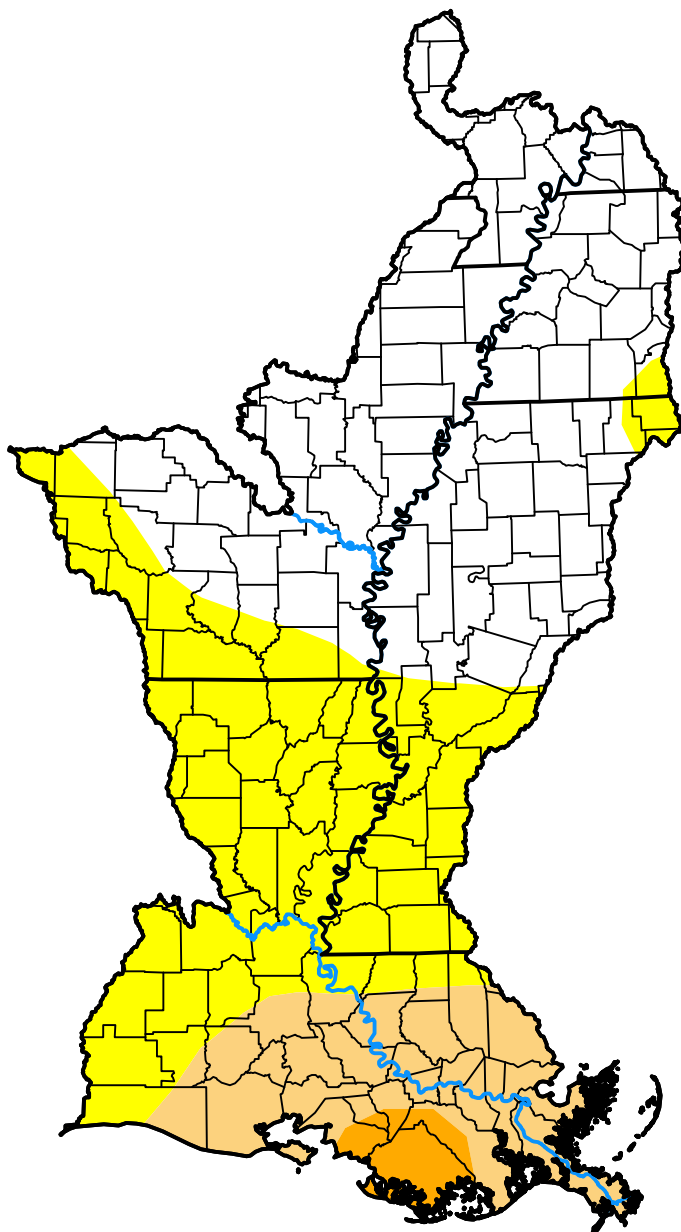
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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