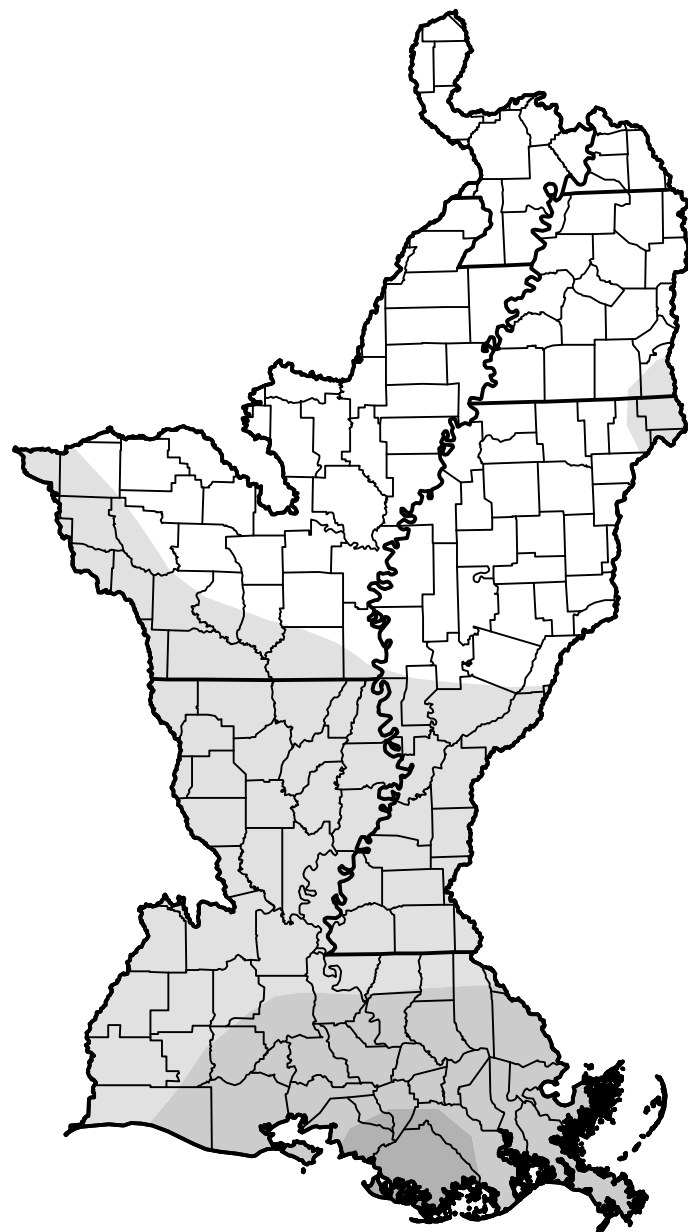


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	48.17	51.83	16.47	2.34	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-12-2009</i>	48.17	51.83	20.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-18-2008</i>	78.26	21.74	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>03-20-2008</i>	95.63	4.37	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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