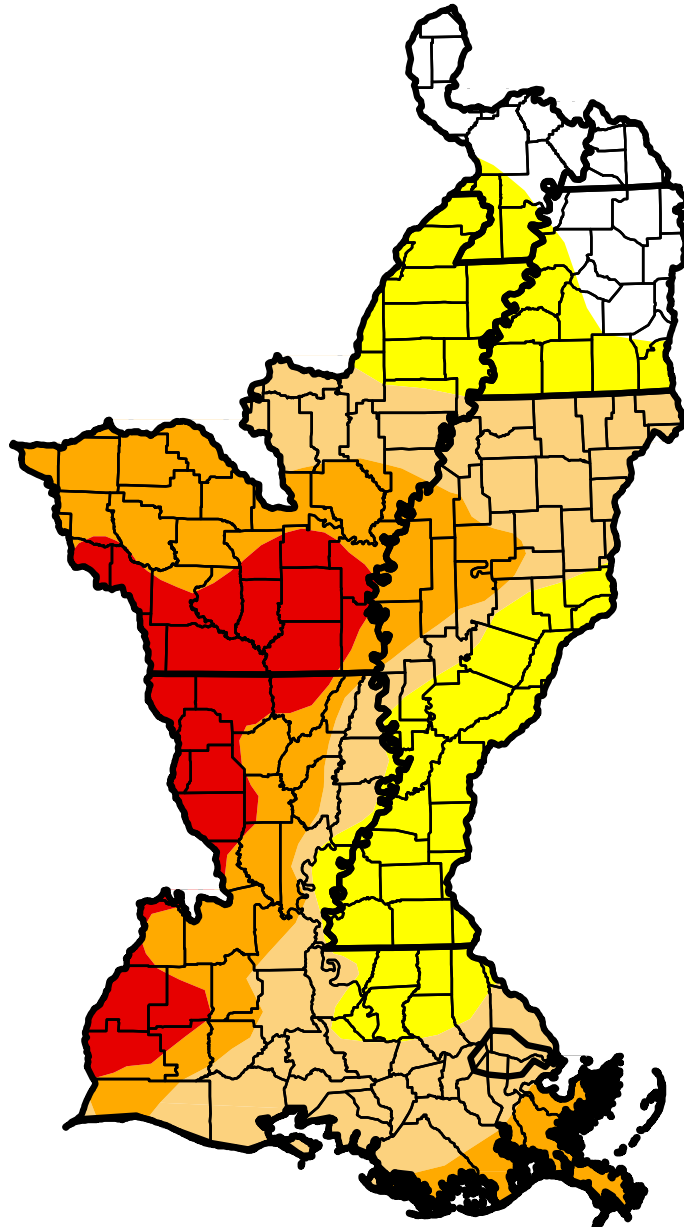


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	8.80	24.78	28.24	24.52	13.66	0.00
Last Week <i>3/15/2011</i>	8.80	27.88	25.32	25.63	12.37	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12/21/2010</i>	2.51	16.20	30.25	39.45	11.59	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2011</i>	4.46	17.61	27.45	35.09	15.40	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>9/28/2010</i>	7.87	22.03	43.08	24.30	2.72	0.00
One Year Ago <i>3/23/2010</i>	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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