

# U.S. Drought Monitor

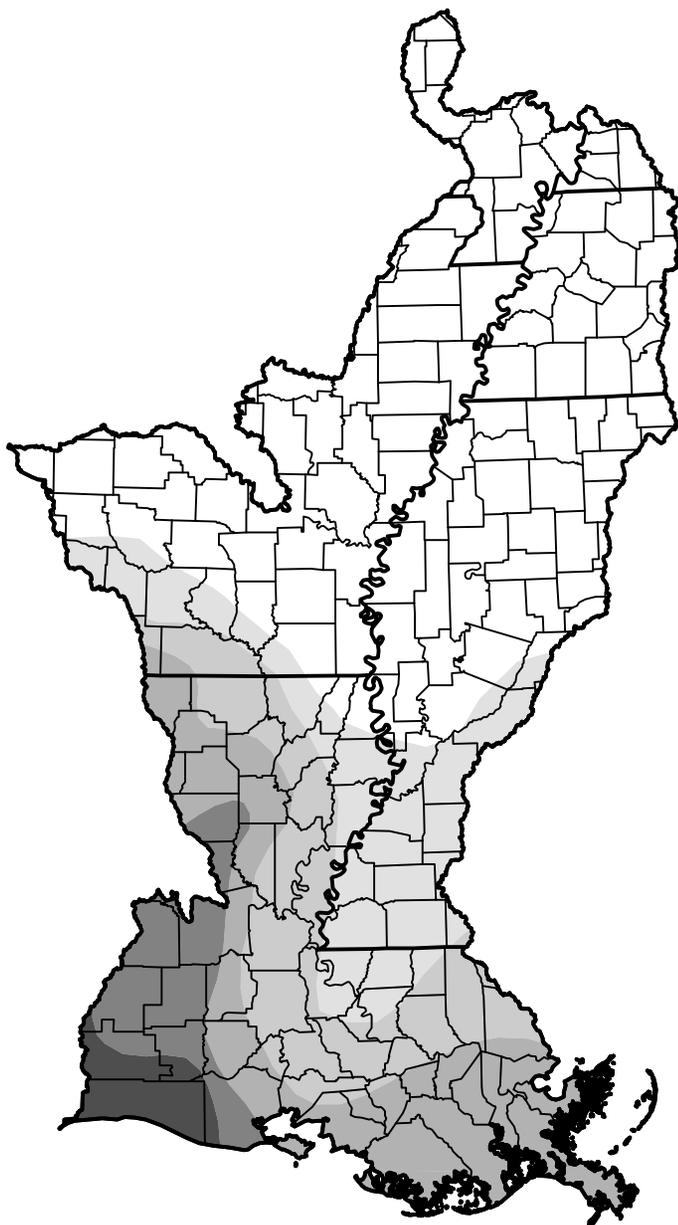
## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**December 20, 2011**  
*(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2011)*

Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	53.32	13.06	12.19	13.53	5.45	2.45
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-15-2011</i>	53.32	13.06	12.19	13.53	5.45	2.45
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-22-2011</i>	39.59	27.30	16.33	8.90	6.99	0.89
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-06-2011</i>	4.46	17.64	27.45	35.07	15.38	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-29-2011</i>	41.41	26.40	15.42	7.41	8.48	0.89
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-23-2010</i>	2.52	16.21	30.26	39.41	11.59	0.00



### Intensity:



*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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