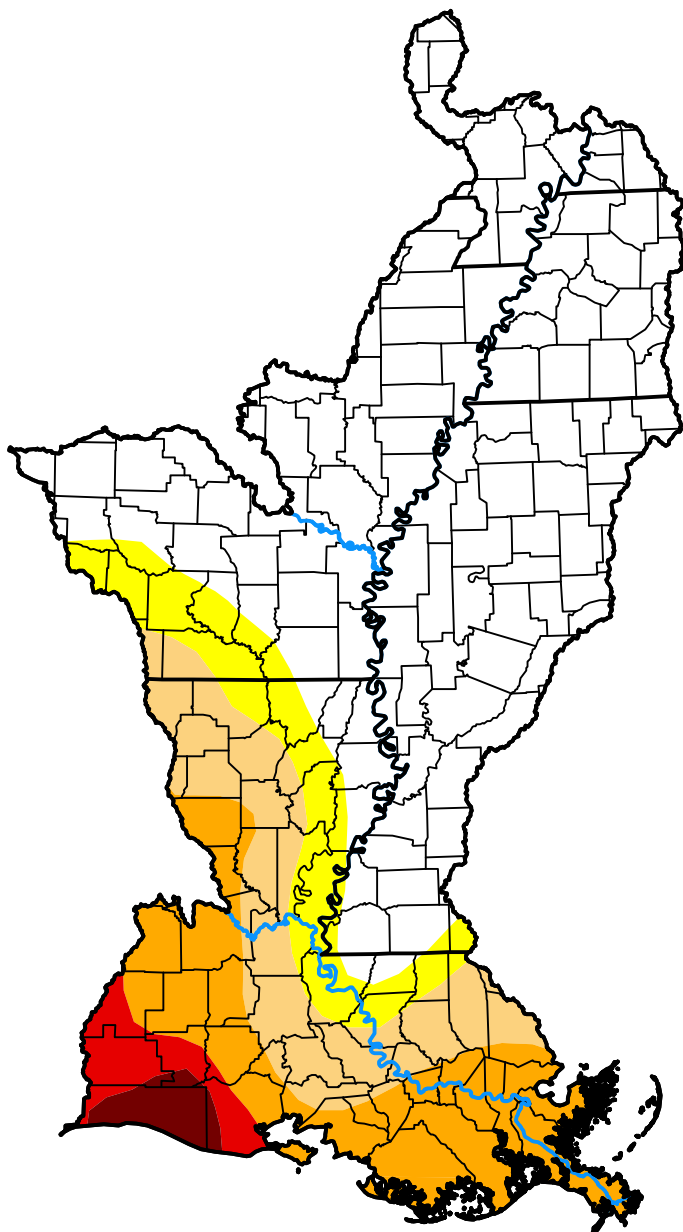


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	61.50	38.50	29.55	17.97	4.23	1.54
Last Week <i>12-22-2011</i>	53.32	46.68	33.62	21.43	7.90	2.45
3 Months Ago <i>09-29-2011</i>	41.41	58.59	32.20	16.78	9.37	0.89
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-06-2011</i>	4.46	95.54	77.90	50.45	15.38	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	41.41	58.59	32.20	16.78	9.37	0.89
One Year Ago <i>12-30-2010</i>	0.54	99.46	86.40	60.58	18.24	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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