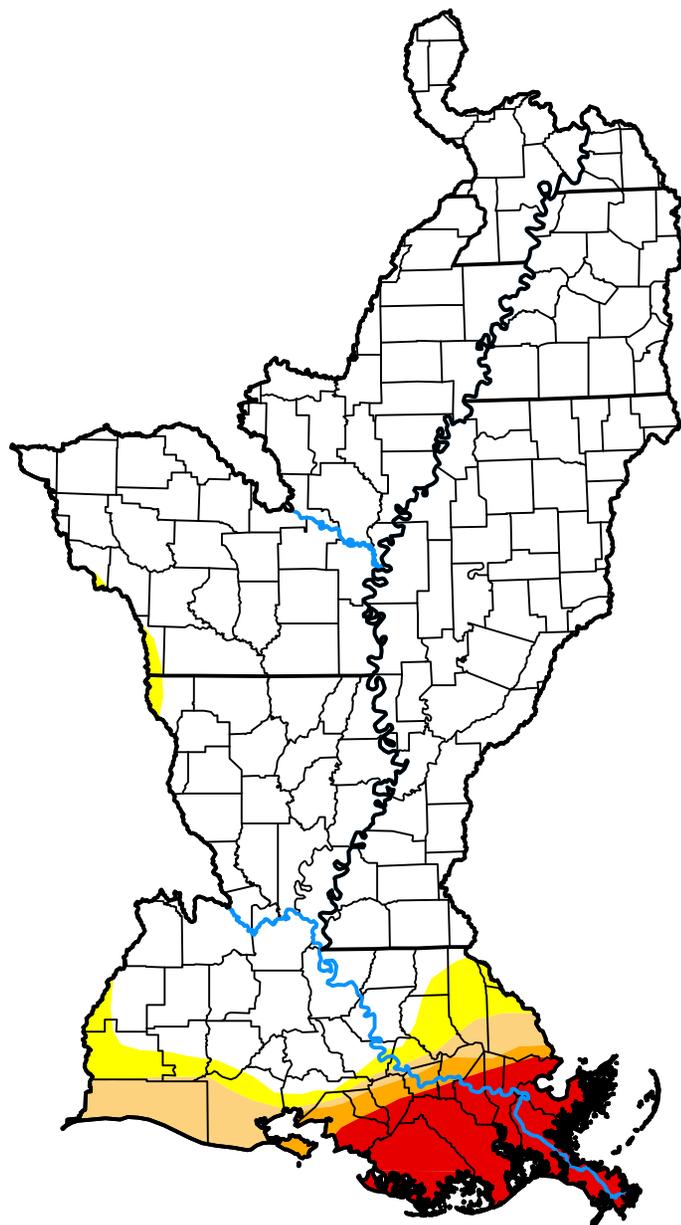


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**February 28, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2012)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	85.34	3.82	3.55	1.33	5.96	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>02-23-2012</i>	85.34	3.83	3.54	1.33	5.96	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>12-01-2011</i>	49.57	13.70	20.17	5.27	8.83	2.45
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2012</i>	61.50	8.95	11.00	9.43	7.57	1.54
<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>03-03-2011</i>	0.30	7.96	49.60	29.81	12.33	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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