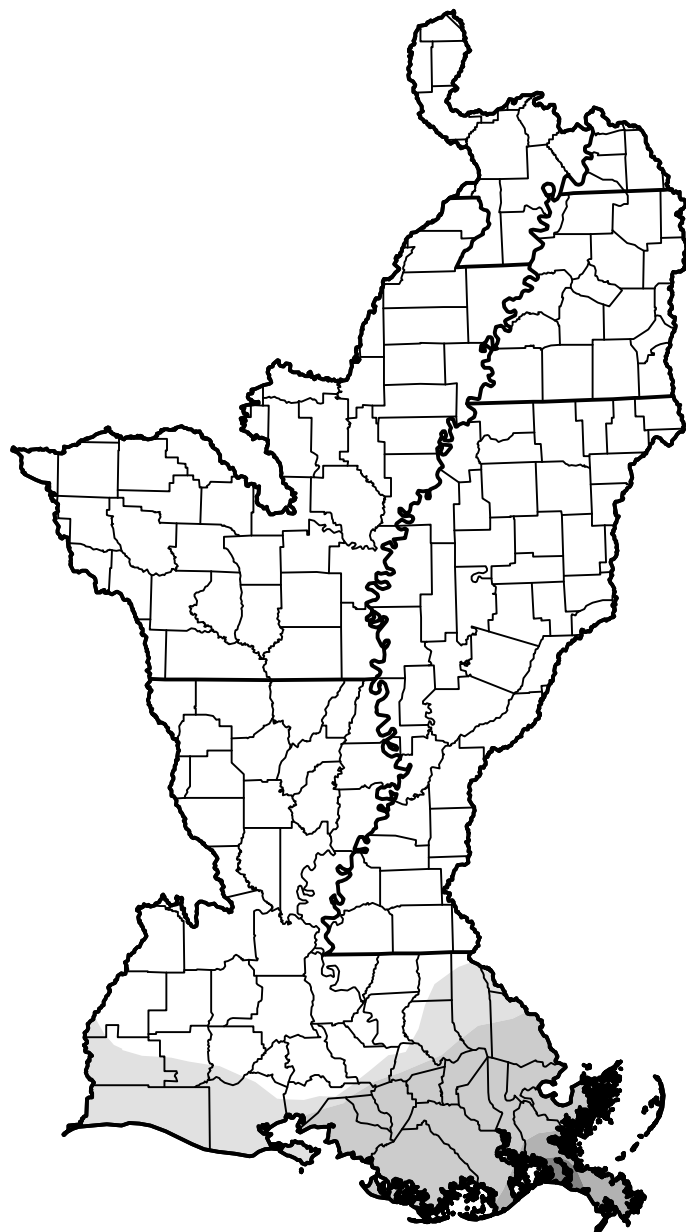


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	85.81	14.19	8.41	1.08	0.19	0.00
Last Week <i>03-15-2012</i>	85.81	14.19	8.41	1.08	0.19	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2011</i>	53.32	46.68	33.62	21.43	7.90	2.45
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	61.50	38.50	29.55	18.54	9.11	1.54
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>03-24-2011</i>	8.79	91.21	66.42	38.14	13.62	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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