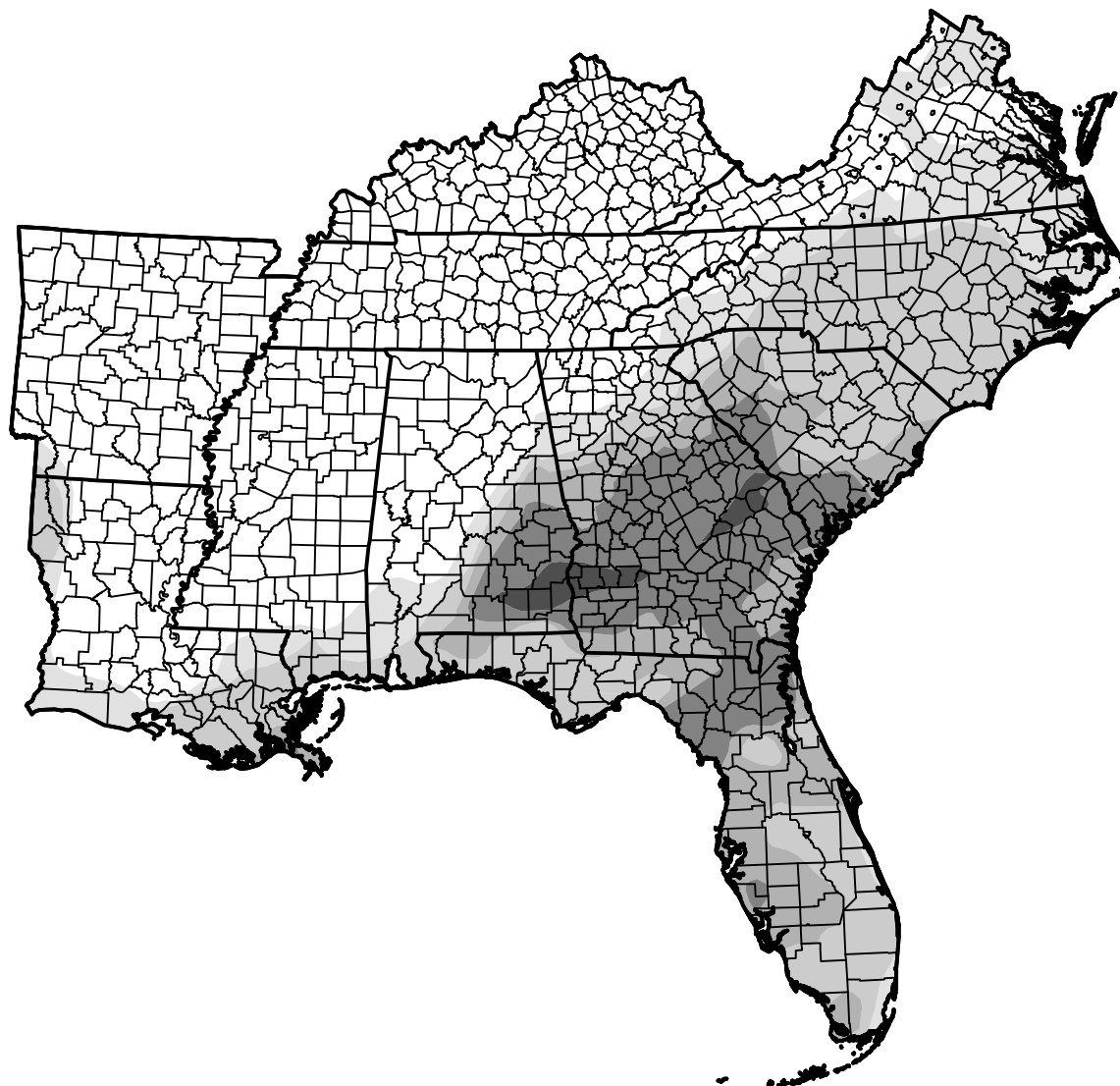


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub

**March 20, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 22, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 50.86 | 49.14 | 37.99 | 20.15 | 11.11 | 1.03 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-13-2012</i>              | 53.53 | 46.47 | 36.55 | 18.57 | 10.60 | 0.90 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-20-2011</i>           | 51.76 | 48.24 | 34.30 | 23.29 | 14.10 | 0.68 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 51.42 | 48.58 | 34.56 | 21.38 | 12.82 | 0.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 48.81 | 51.19 | 35.84 | 24.96 | 17.44 | 1.64 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-22-2011</i>           | 23.42 | 76.58 | 53.65 | 23.11 | 7.97  | 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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