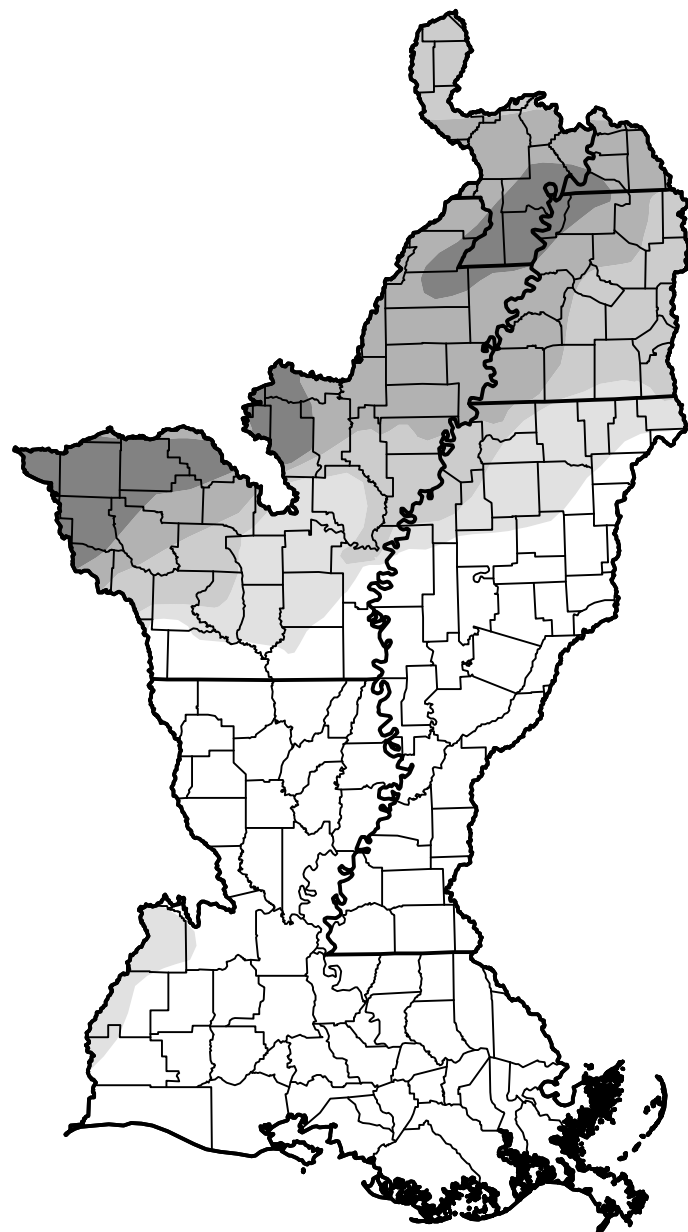


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed



**October 23, 2012**

*(Released Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012)*

Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 55.48 | 10.63 | 11.21 | 15.19 | 7.49  | 0.00  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-18-2012</i>              | 56.27 | 9.67  | 11.41 | 15.61 | 7.04  | 0.00  |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-26-2012</i>           | 36.12 | 10.09 | 10.10 | 16.51 | 15.08 | 12.11 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 61.50 | 8.95  | 11.00 | 9.43  | 7.57  | 1.54  |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2012</i>    | 46.35 | 9.52  | 16.31 | 18.19 | 9.63  | 0.00  |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-27-2011</i>           | 19.96 | 34.03 | 23.55 | 7.87  | 6.72  | 7.88  |

### 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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