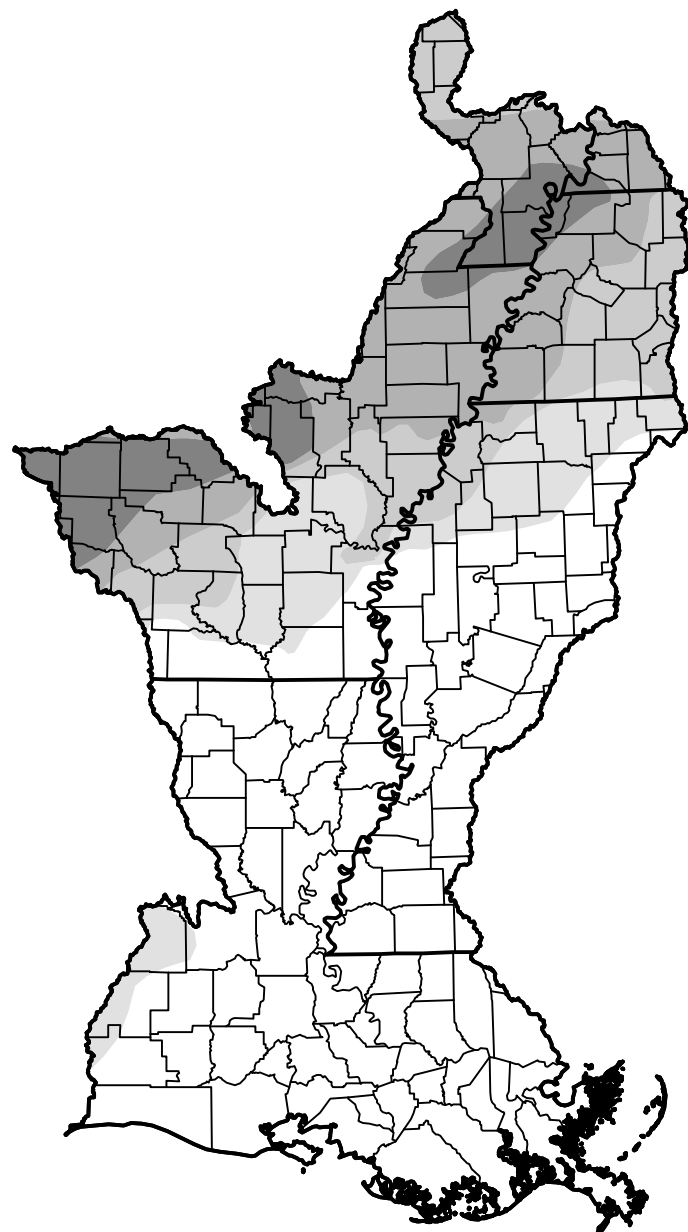


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	55.48	44.52	33.89	22.68	7.49	0.00
Last Week <i>10-18-2012</i>	56.27	43.73	34.06	22.65	7.04	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>07-26-2012</i>	36.12	63.88	53.79	43.69	27.19	12.11
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>09-27-2012</i>	46.35	53.65	44.13	27.82	9.63	0.00
One Year Ago <i>10-27-2011</i>	19.96	80.04	46.02	22.47	14.60	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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