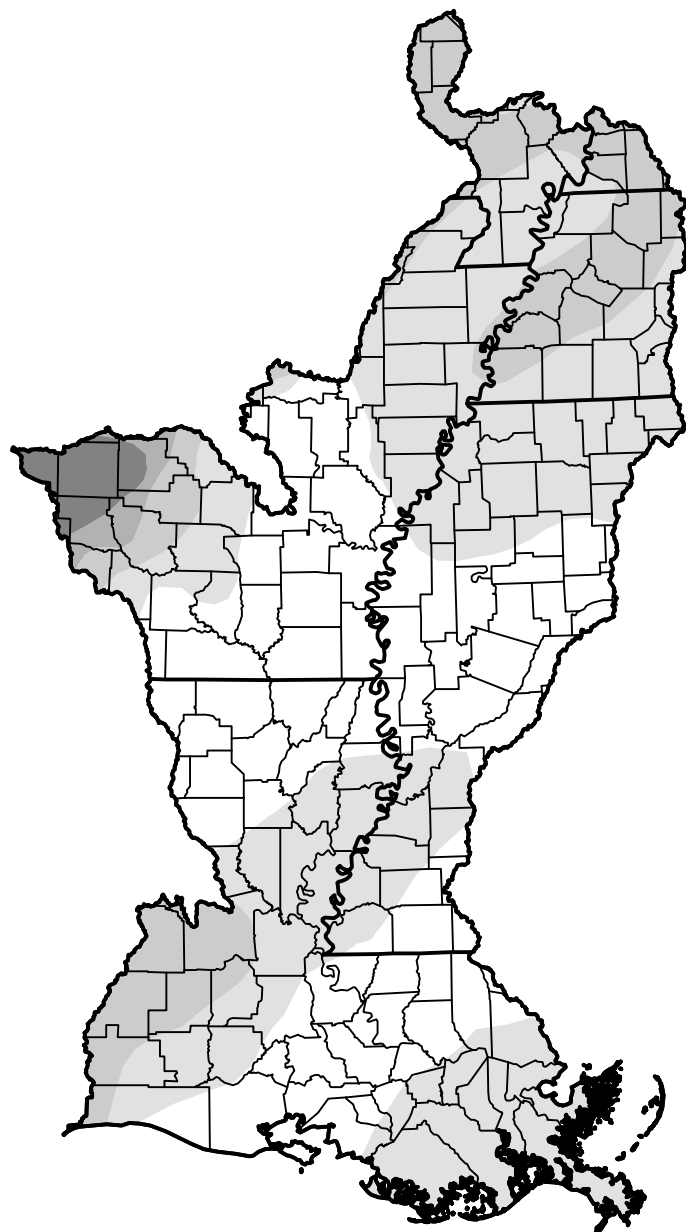


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	39.57	60.43	17.85	2.96	1.88	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2012</i>	33.52	66.48	20.31	4.90	1.87	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2012</i>	46.36	53.64	44.13	27.82	9.63	0.00
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>12-22-2011</i>	53.32	46.68	33.62	21.43	7.90	2.45

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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