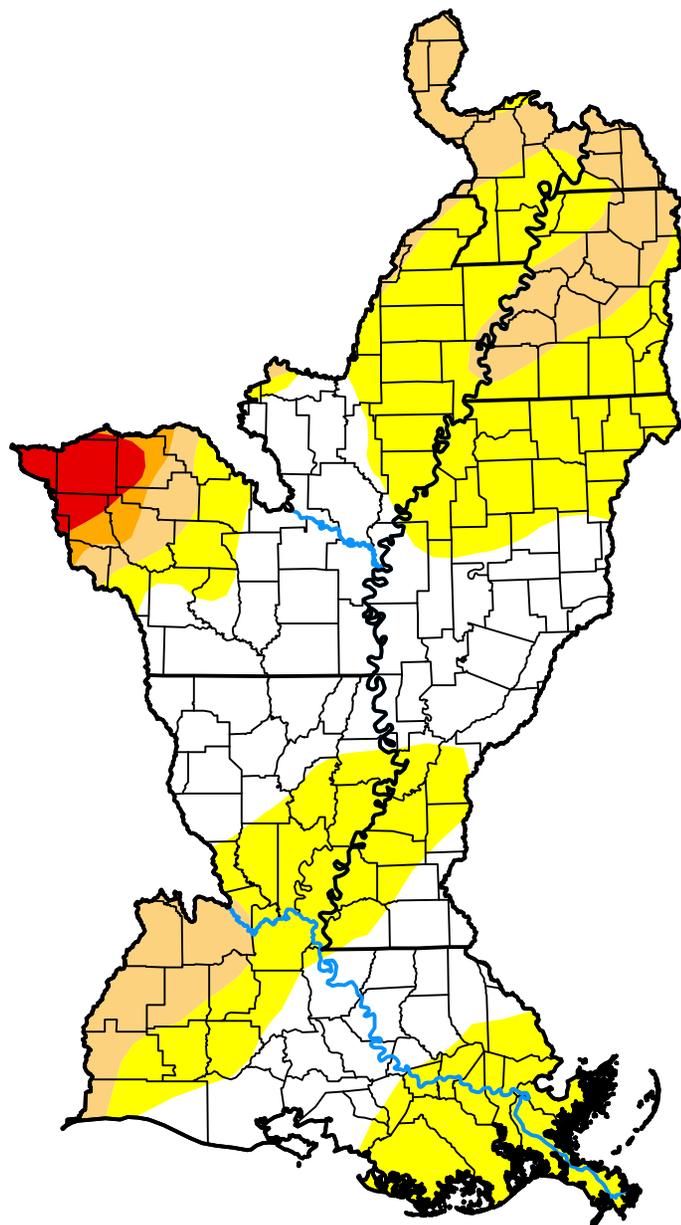


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**December 25, 2012**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 27, 2012)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	39.57	42.58	14.89	1.08	1.88	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-20-2012</i>	39.57	42.58	14.89	1.08	1.88	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-27-2012</i>	46.35	9.52	16.31	18.19	9.63	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-05-2012</i>	61.50	8.95	11.00	9.43	7.57	1.54
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2012</i>	46.35	9.52	16.31	18.19	9.63	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-29-2011</i>	61.50	8.95	11.57	13.74	2.70	1.54

*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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