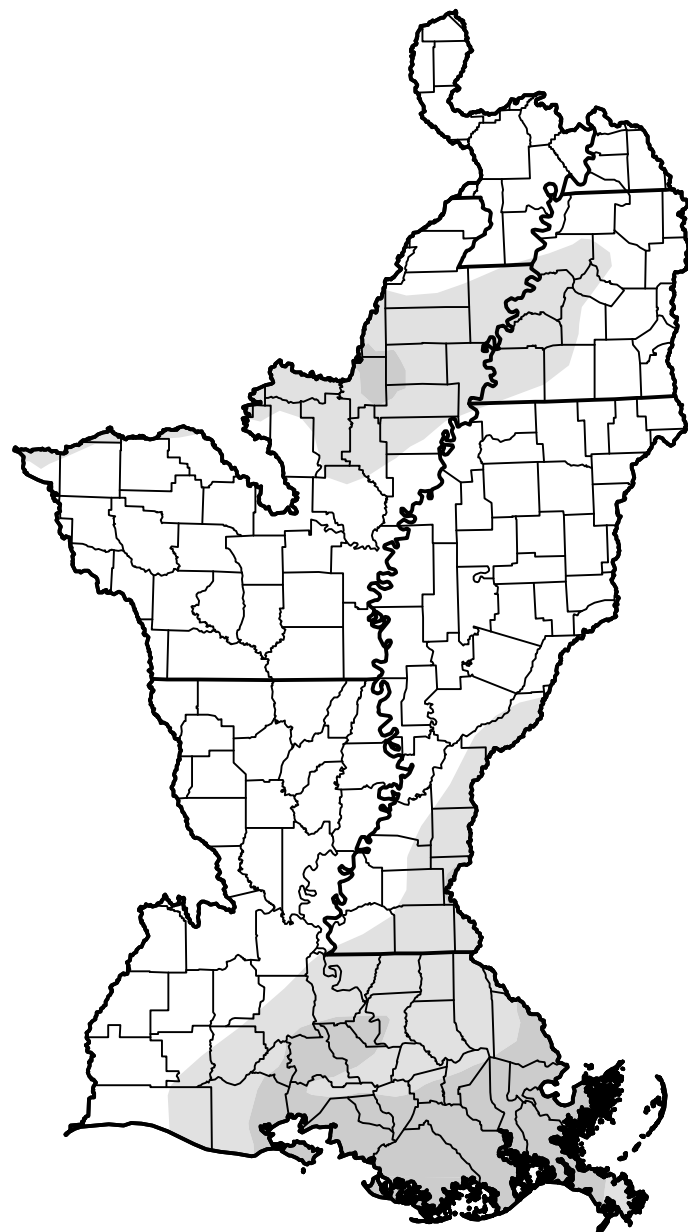


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 68.41 | 21.58 | 10.02 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>03-12-2015</i>              | 65.09 | 22.39 | 11.97 | 0.55 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>12-18-2014</i>           | 36.27 | 45.63 | 13.40 | 4.70 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-31-2014</i> | 49.76 | 41.87 | 8.37  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-02-2014</i>    | 86.27 | 13.21 | 0.53  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-20-2014</i>           | 69.66 | 30.34 | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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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