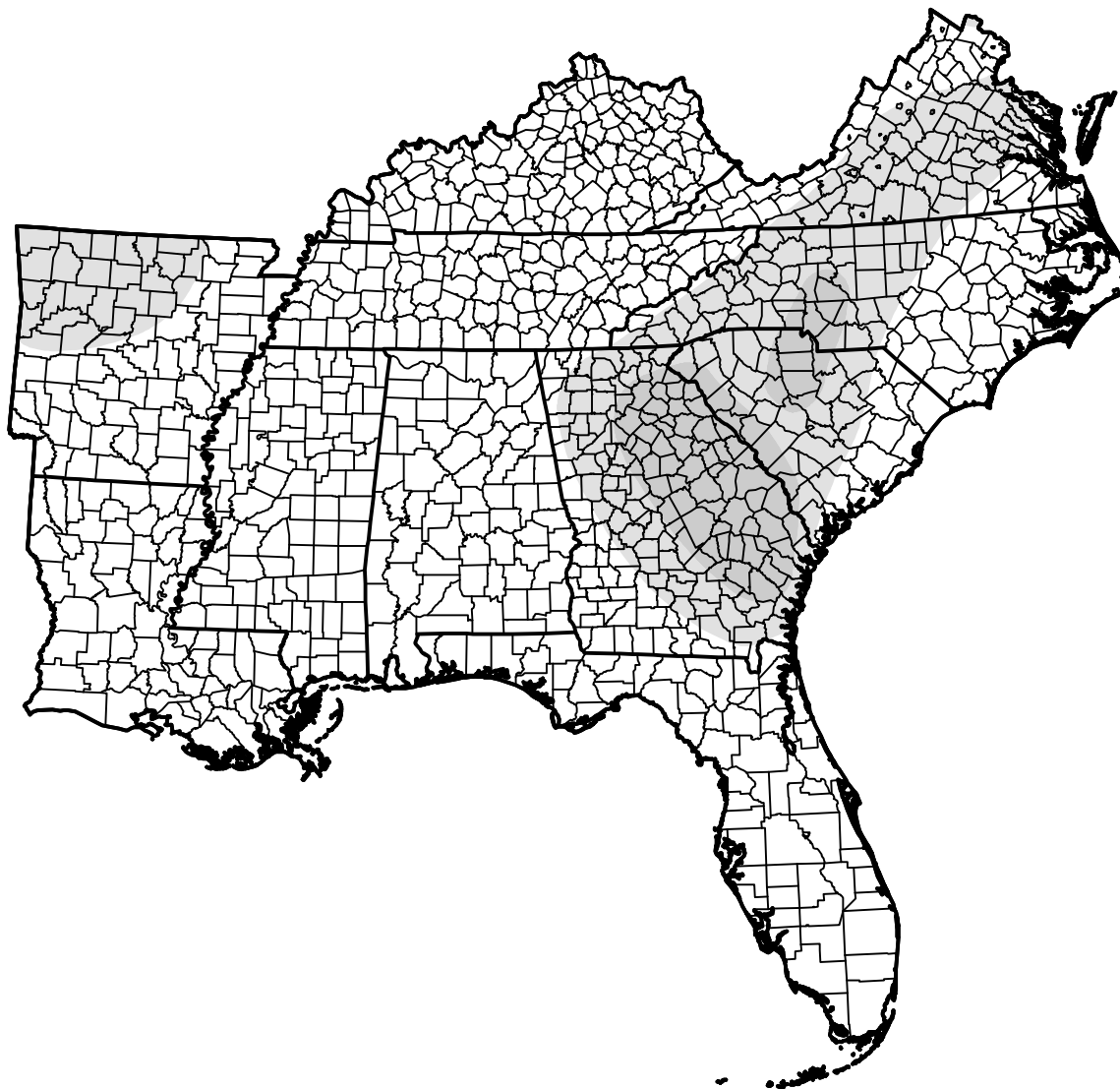


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub



**December 10, 2002**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 75.62 | 24.38 | 6.60  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-03-2002</i>              | 74.96 | 25.04 | 7.46  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-10-2002</i>           | 31.26 | 68.74 | 47.65 | 30.61 | 16.32 | 5.17 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-01-2002</i> | 52.91 | 47.09 | 36.15 | 24.94 | 6.88  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>10-01-2002</i>    | 55.91 | 44.09 | 29.19 | 21.18 | 7.34  | 1.71 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-11-2001</i>           | 56.23 | 43.77 | 31.89 | 20.91 | 2.08  | 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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