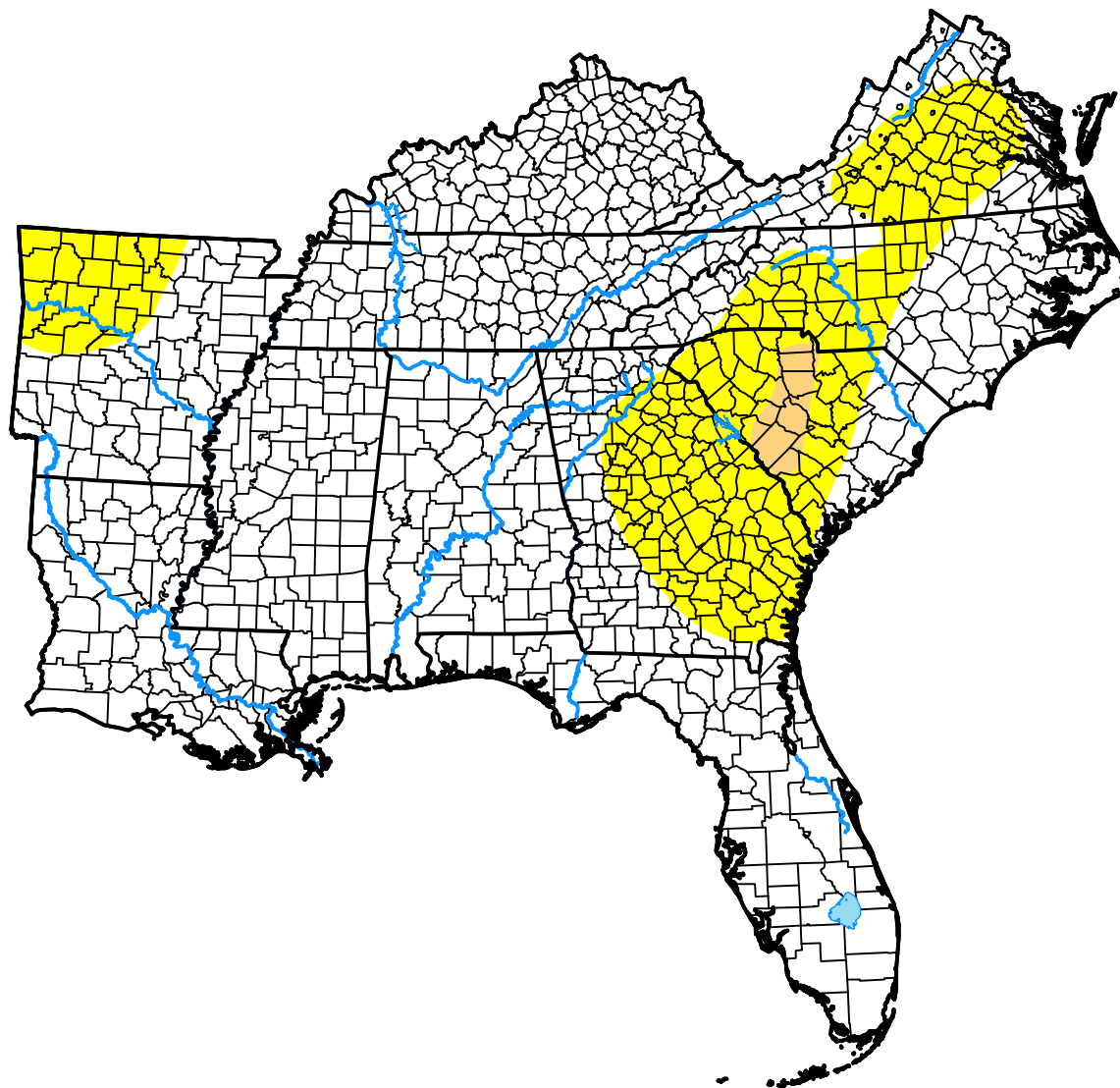


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	79.94	19.04	1.02	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-10-2002</i>	75.62	17.79	6.60	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-17-2002</i>	28.68	27.56	14.46	15.03	12.79	1.48
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	52.91	10.95	11.20	18.06	6.88	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	55.91	14.90	8.01	13.84	5.64	1.71
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2001</i>	56.34	11.48	9.26	20.49	2.42	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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