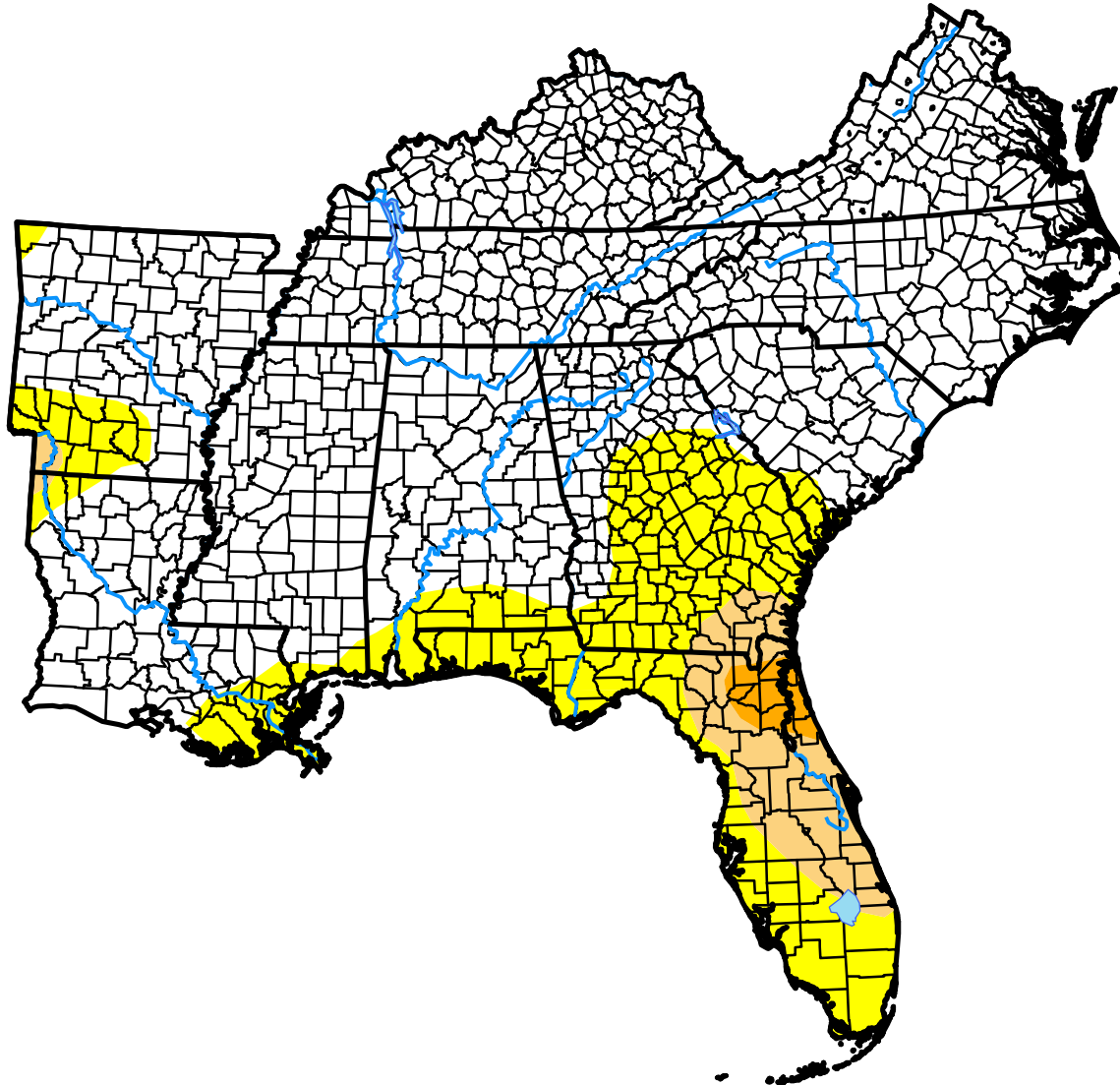


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.99	18.13	4.95	0.92	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-05-2006</i>	80.84	13.77	4.43	0.96	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-12-2006</i>	35.78	25.57	16.30	20.96	1.39	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	67.78	12.32	10.19	7.87	1.18	0.66
Start of Water Year <i>09-26-2006</i>	46.37	33.67	19.55	0.40	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-13-2005</i>	58.45	17.28	17.03	6.23	1.01	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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