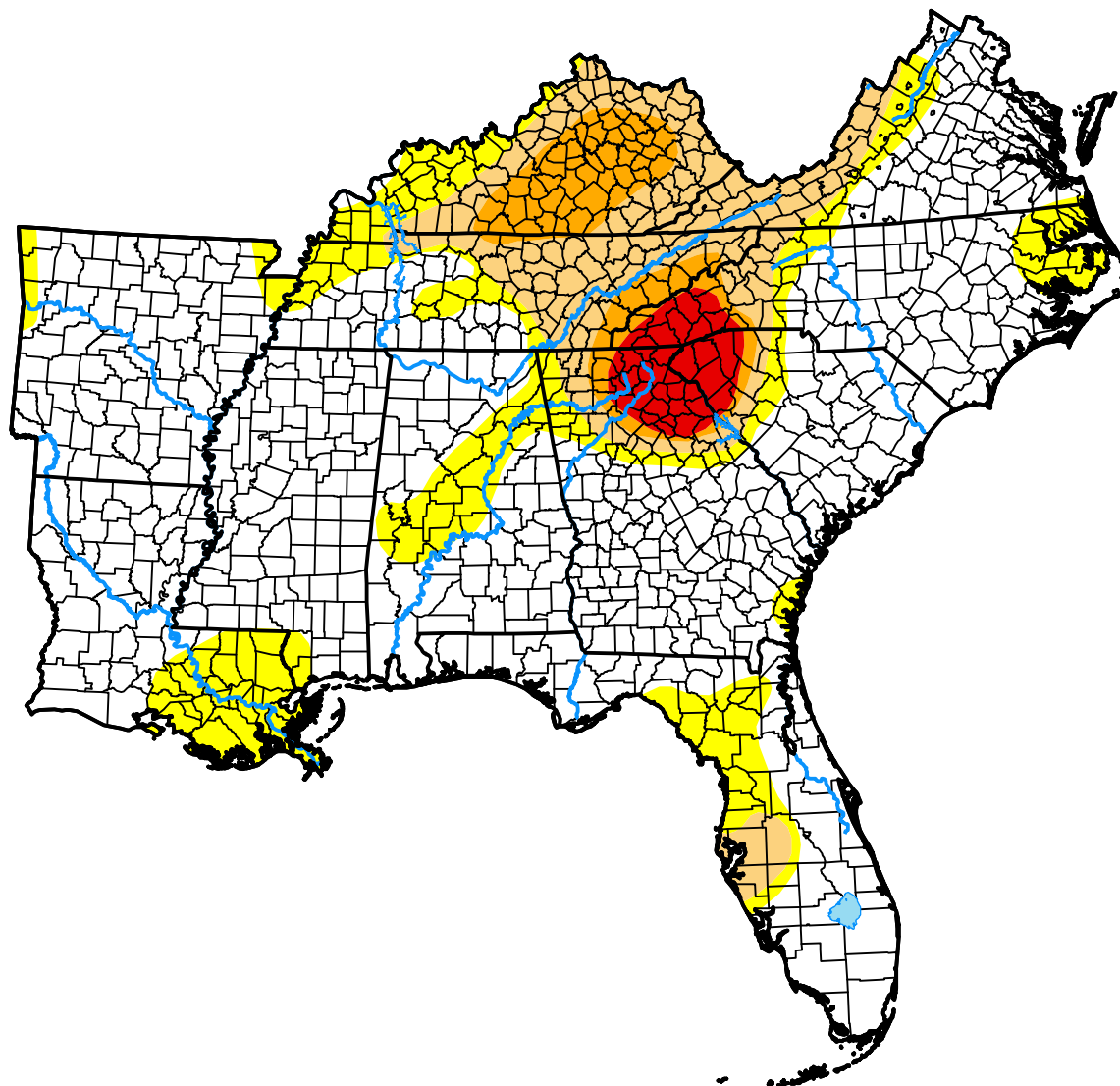


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	67.04	15.07	10.65	4.59	2.65	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	52.52	22.24	9.59	7.92	4.91	2.82
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	53.35	18.26	15.52	8.01	4.03	0.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	31.39	19.94	11.07	10.66	13.09	13.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	48.20	15.79	17.63	12.07	5.28	1.04
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	30.57	18.32	10.89	9.41	9.00	21.81

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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