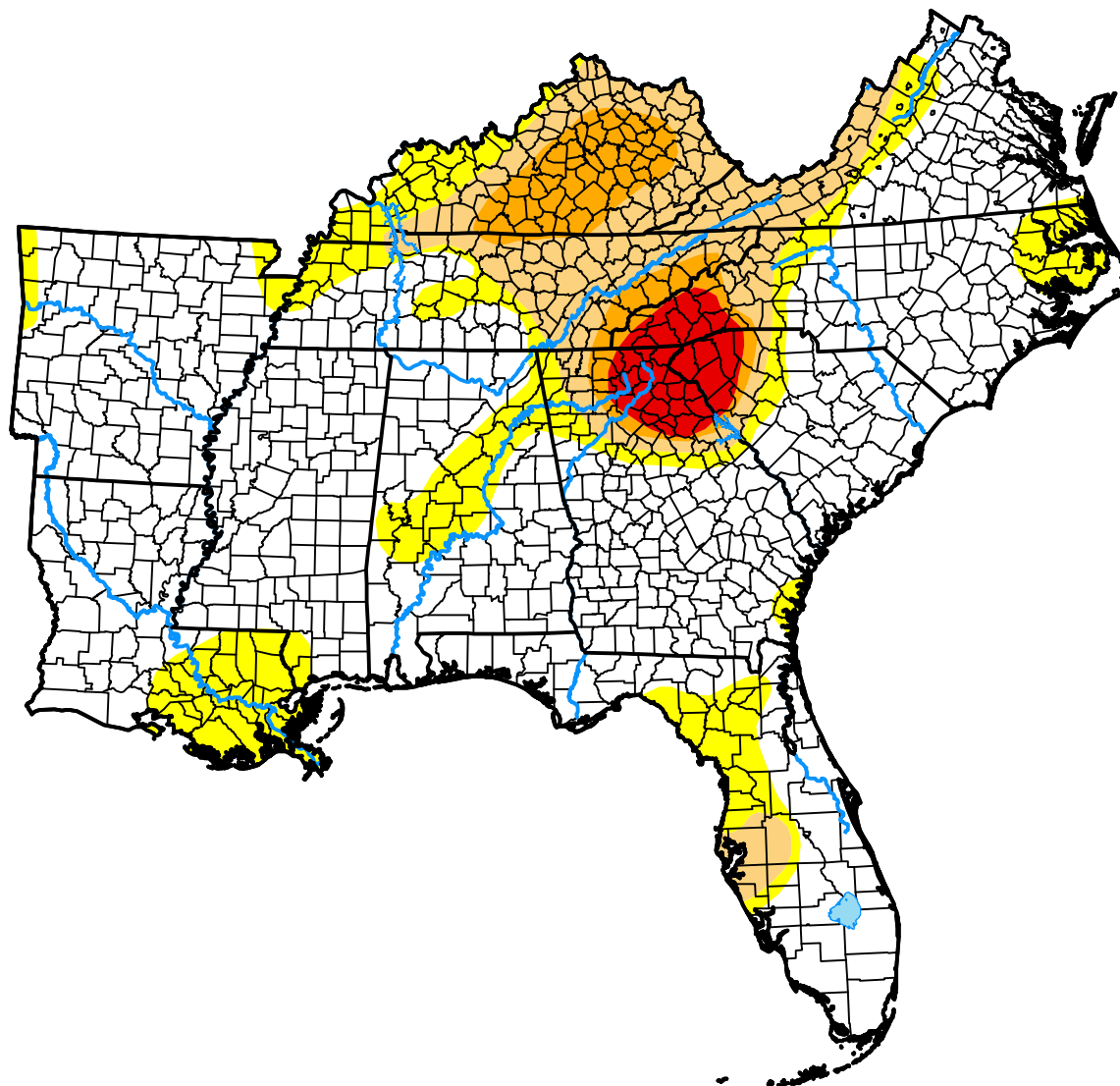


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	67.04	32.96	17.89	7.24	2.65	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	52.52	47.48	25.24	15.65	7.73	2.82
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	53.35	46.65	28.39	12.87	4.86	0.83
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	31.39	68.61	48.67	37.59	26.93	13.84
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	48.20	51.80	36.01	18.38	6.31	1.04
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	30.57	69.43	51.11	40.21	30.81	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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