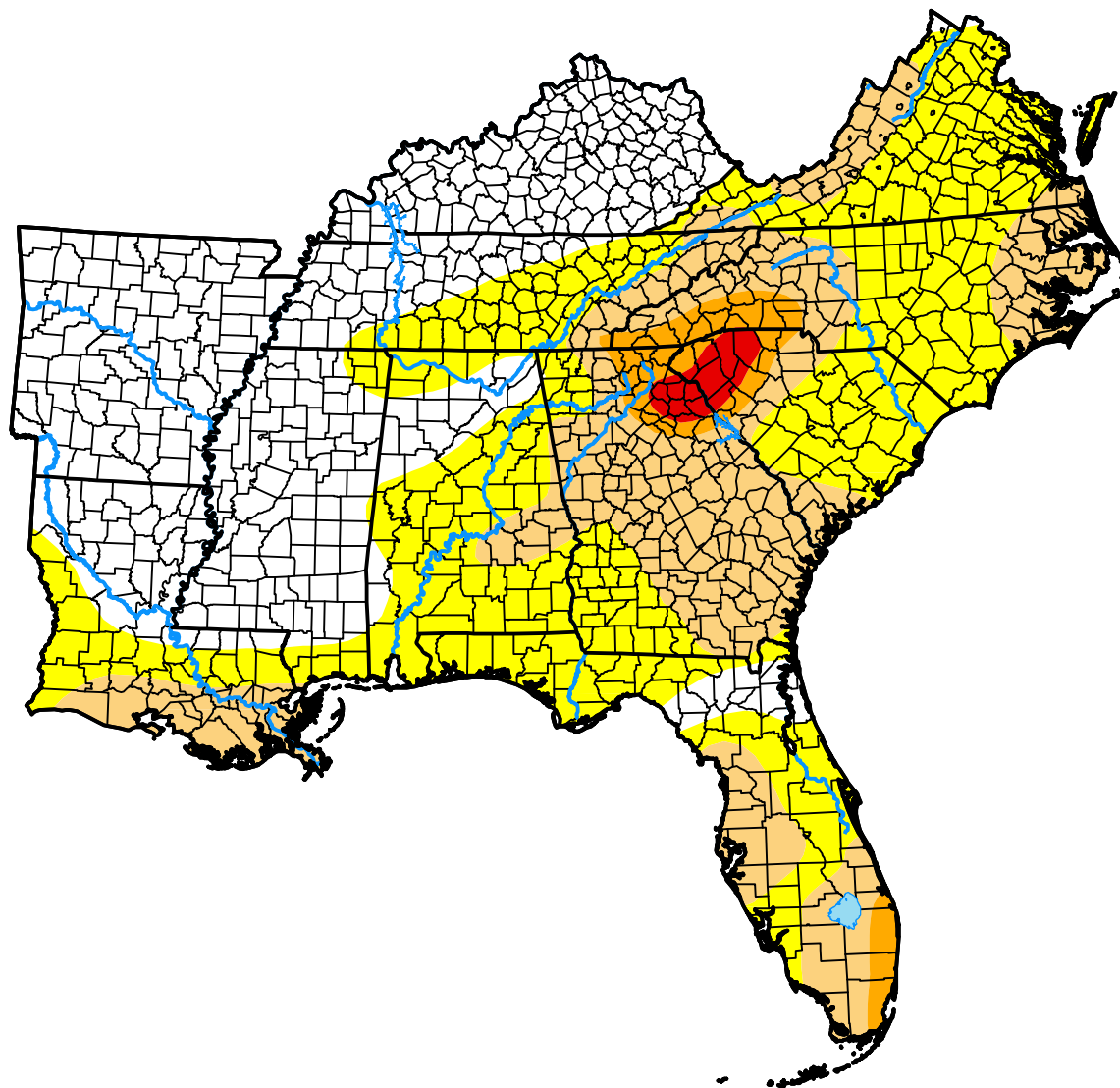


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southeast Climate Hub

**February 24, 2009**  
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Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                 | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|-------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                  | 37.44 | 35.98 | 22.60 | 2.94  | 1.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>02-17-2009                  | 38.25 | 41.63 | 16.74 | 2.35  | 1.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>11-25-2008               | 51.58 | 20.86 | 9.40  | 9.82  | 5.35  | 2.98 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Calendar Year</b><br>12-30-2008 | 70.51 | 13.07 | 12.57 | 2.16  | 1.69  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of<br/>Water Year</b><br>09-30-2008    | 48.20 | 15.79 | 17.63 | 12.07 | 5.28  | 1.04 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>02-26-2008               | 42.07 | 14.19 | 12.37 | 13.49 | 11.53 | 6.35 |

**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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