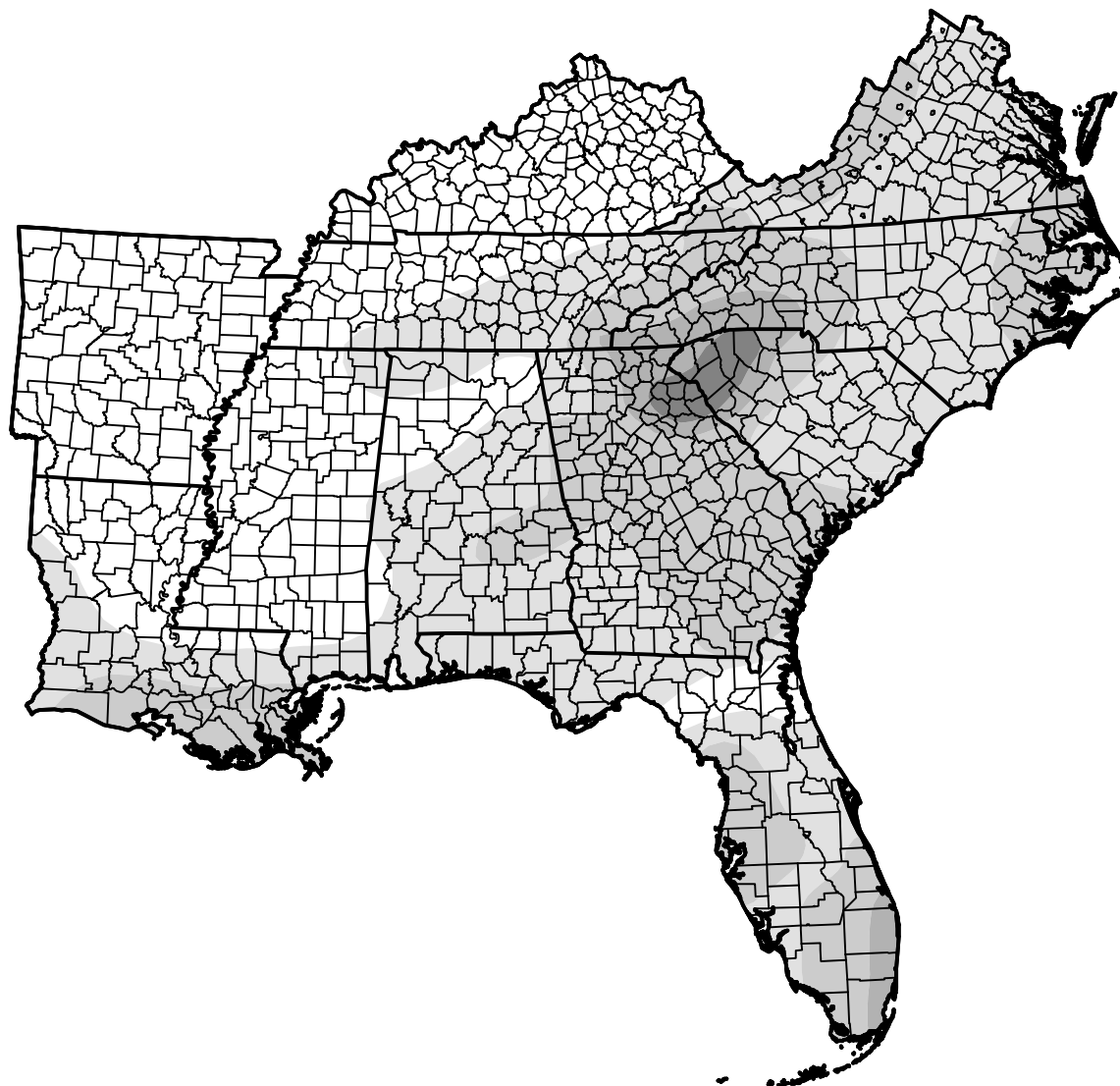


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Southeast Climate Hub

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



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 37.44 | 62.56 | 26.58 | 3.98  | 1.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-17-2009</i>              | 38.25 | 61.75 | 20.12 | 3.39  | 1.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-25-2008</i>           | 51.58 | 48.42 | 27.55 | 18.15 | 8.34  | 2.98 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 70.51 | 29.49 | 16.42 | 3.85  | 1.69  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-30-2008</i>    | 48.20 | 51.80 | 36.01 | 18.38 | 6.31  | 1.04 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-26-2008</i>           | 42.07 | 57.93 | 43.74 | 31.37 | 17.88 | 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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