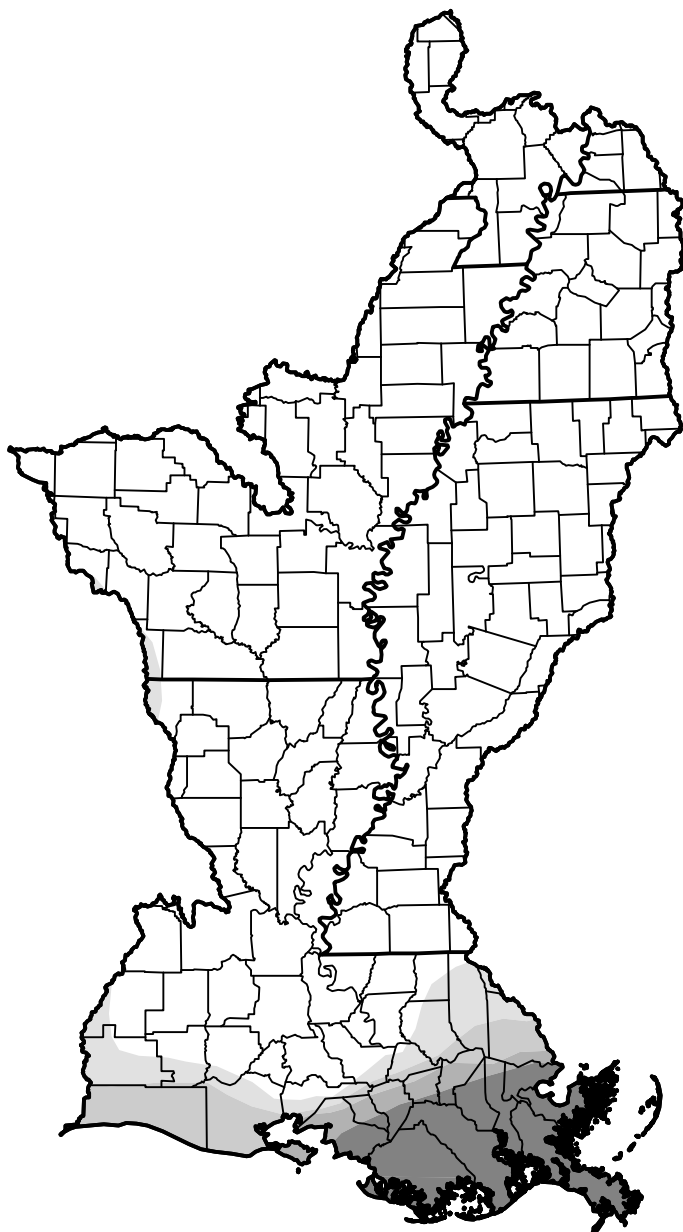


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	85.34	3.83	3.54	1.33	5.96	0.00
Last Week <i>02-16-2012</i>	80.36	5.77	3.25	4.00	6.63	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>11-23-2011</i>	28.46	19.27	27.71	8.87	5.24	10.45
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	61.50	8.95	11.00	9.43	7.57	1.54
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	41.41	26.40	15.42	7.41	8.48	0.89
One Year Ago <i>02-24-2011</i>	0.00	9.56	50.46	31.10	8.88	0.00

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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