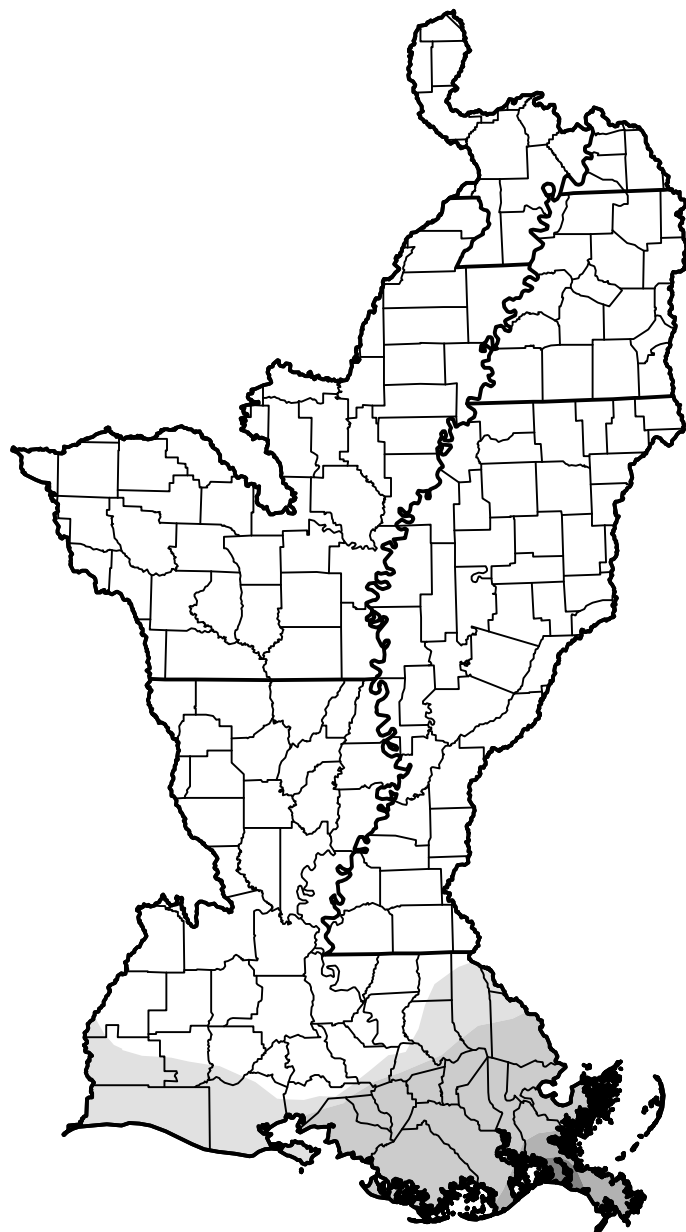


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	85.81	5.78	7.33	0.89	0.19	0.00
Last Week <i>03-15-2012</i>	85.81	5.78	7.33	0.89	0.19	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-22-2011</i>	53.32	13.06	12.19	13.53	5.45	2.45
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>03-24-2011</i>	8.79	24.80	28.28	24.52	13.62	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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