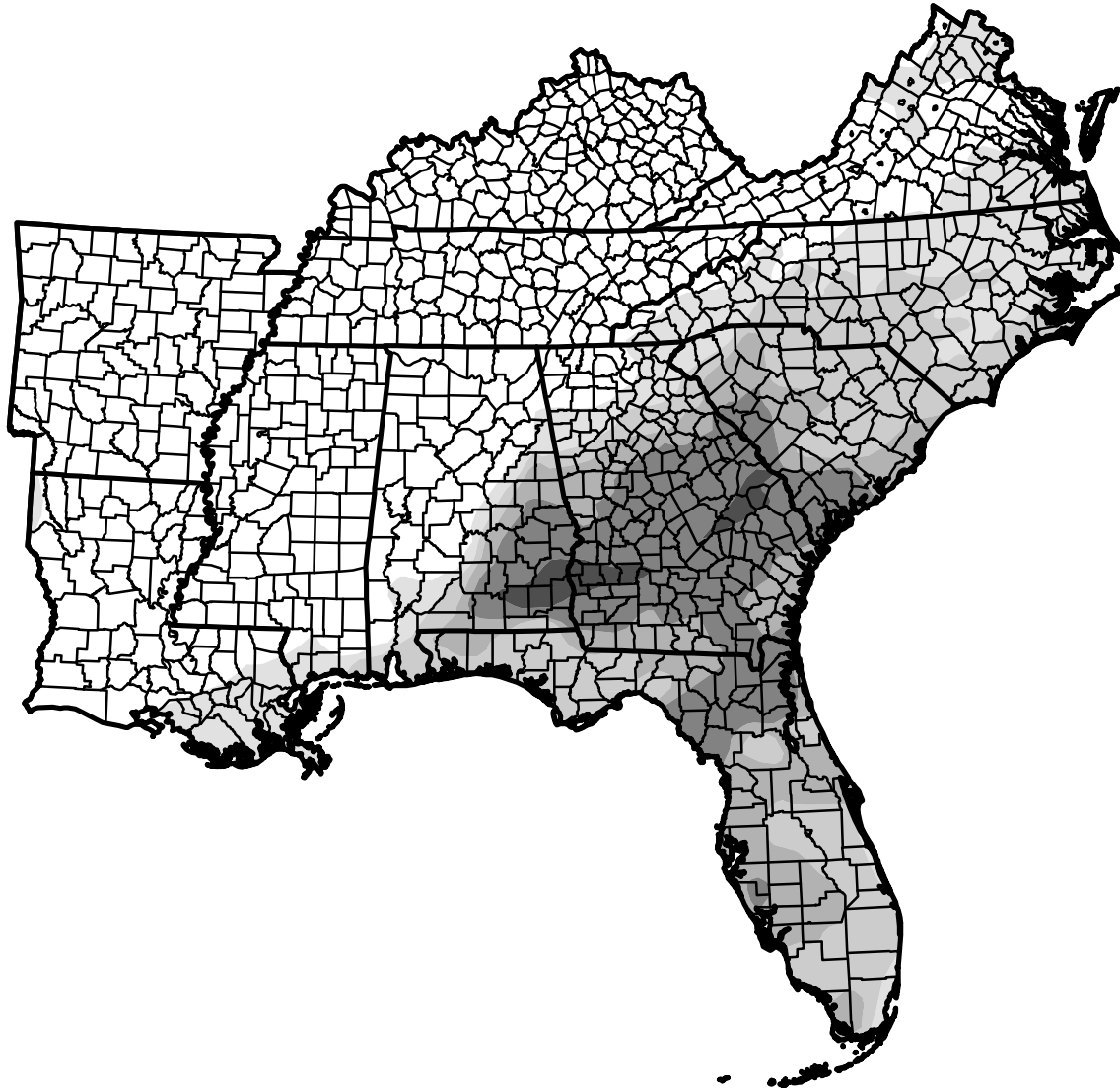


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	54.98	45.02	32.68	19.93	11.04	1.03
Last Week <i>03-20-2012</i>	50.84	49.16	38.01	20.16	11.11	1.03
3 Months Ago <i>12-27-2011</i>	55.06	44.94	33.13	21.20	11.86	0.37
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	51.41	48.59	34.56	21.38	12.81	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2011</i>	48.81	51.19	35.83	24.95	17.43	1.64
One Year Ago <i>03-29-2011</i>	28.36	71.64	48.82	23.46	8.21	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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