

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed

**April 17, 2012**

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Valid 8 a.m. EDT

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 88.96 | 11.02 | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-12-2012</i>              | 89.06 | 10.92 | 0.02  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-19-2012</i>           | 65.93 | 9.89  | 9.60  | 7.68  | 6.90  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 61.50 | 8.95  | 11.00 | 9.43  | 7.57  | 1.54 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 41.41 | 26.40 | 15.42 | 7.41  | 8.48  | 0.89 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>04-21-2011</i>           | 11.12 | 25.24 | 23.08 | 25.55 | 14.49 | 0.51 |

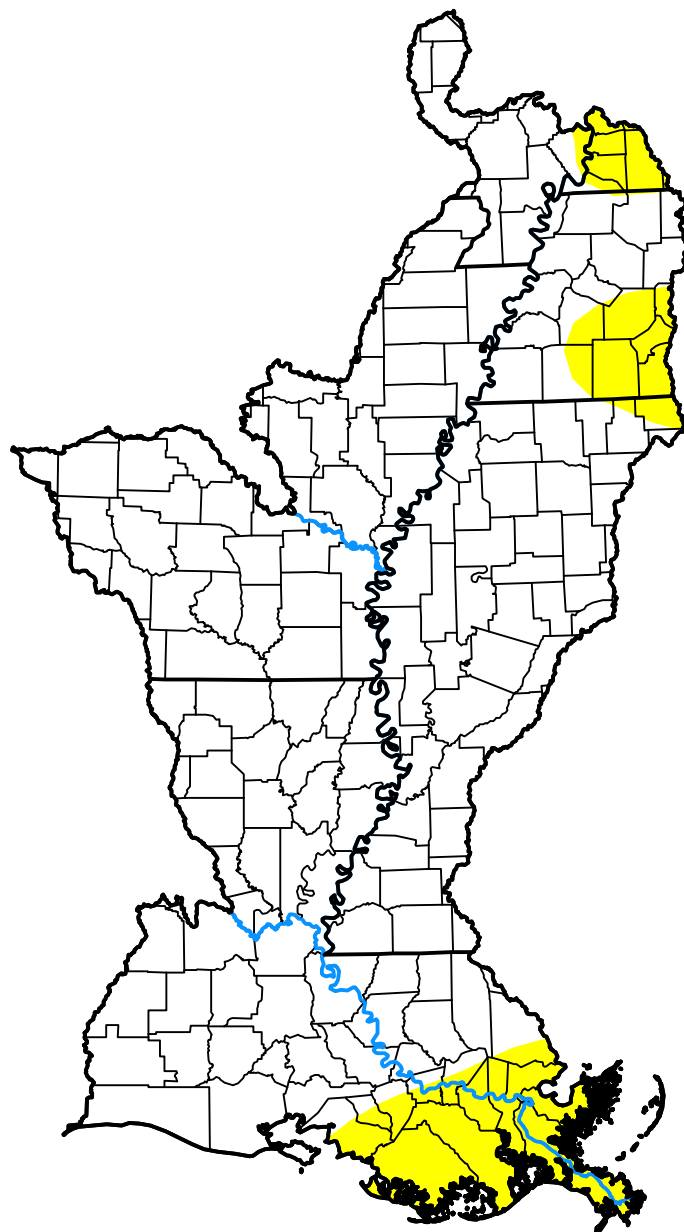
### Intensity:

|                                                                                                           |                                                                                                              |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|  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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