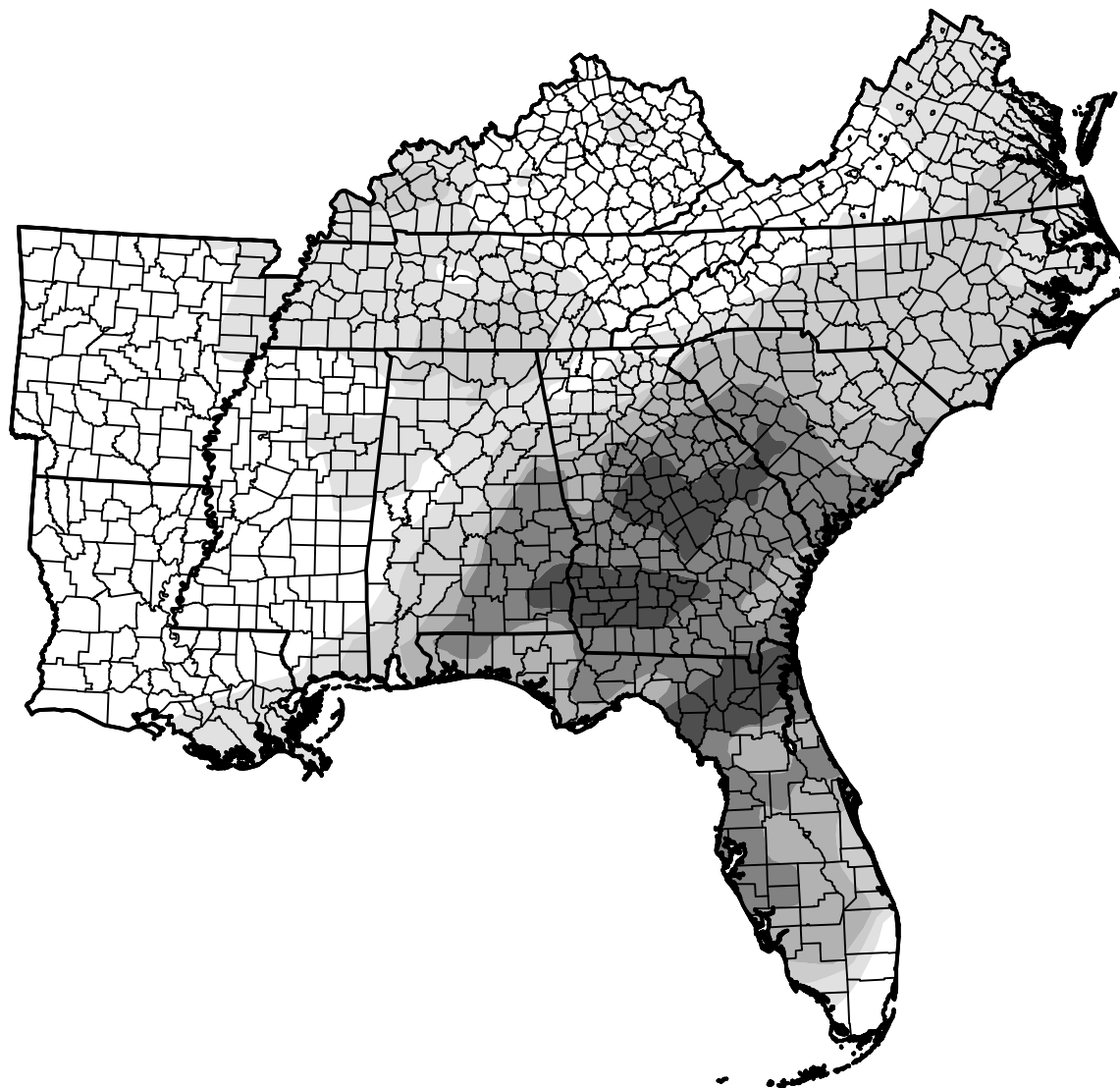


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub



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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 38.87 | 61.13 | 40.21 | 26.24 | 17.14 | 4.67 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>04-24-2012</i>              | 44.00 | 56.00 | 35.64 | 23.64 | 15.21 | 3.96 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>01-31-2012</i>           | 49.86 | 50.14 | 37.60 | 23.07 | 12.94 | 2.06 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 51.42 | 48.58 | 34.56 | 21.38 | 12.82 | 0.37 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 48.81 | 51.19 | 35.84 | 24.96 | 17.44 | 1.64 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-03-2011</i>           | 45.79 | 54.21 | 37.56 | 17.70 | 6.25  | 0.86 |

### 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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