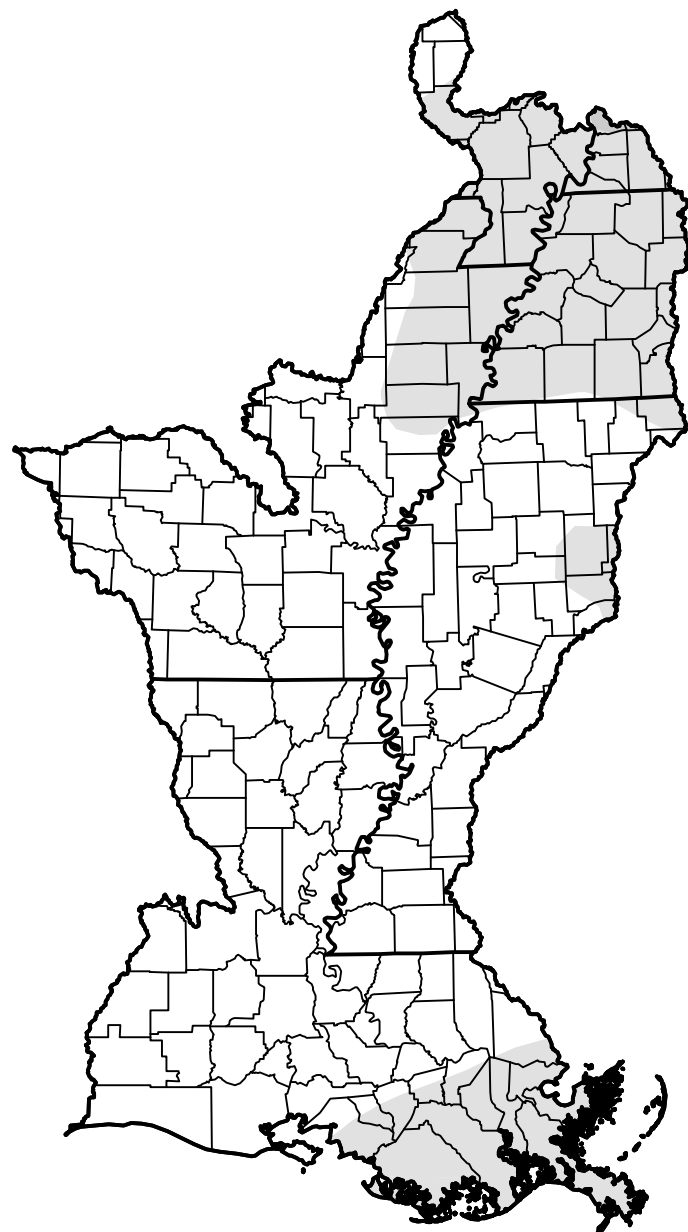


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	73.15	26.69	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-26-2012</i>	88.97	10.87	0.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-02-2012</i>	69.11	11.43	8.45	4.28	6.72	0.00
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>05-05-2011</i>	39.21	13.24	13.69	21.09	11.58	1.18

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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