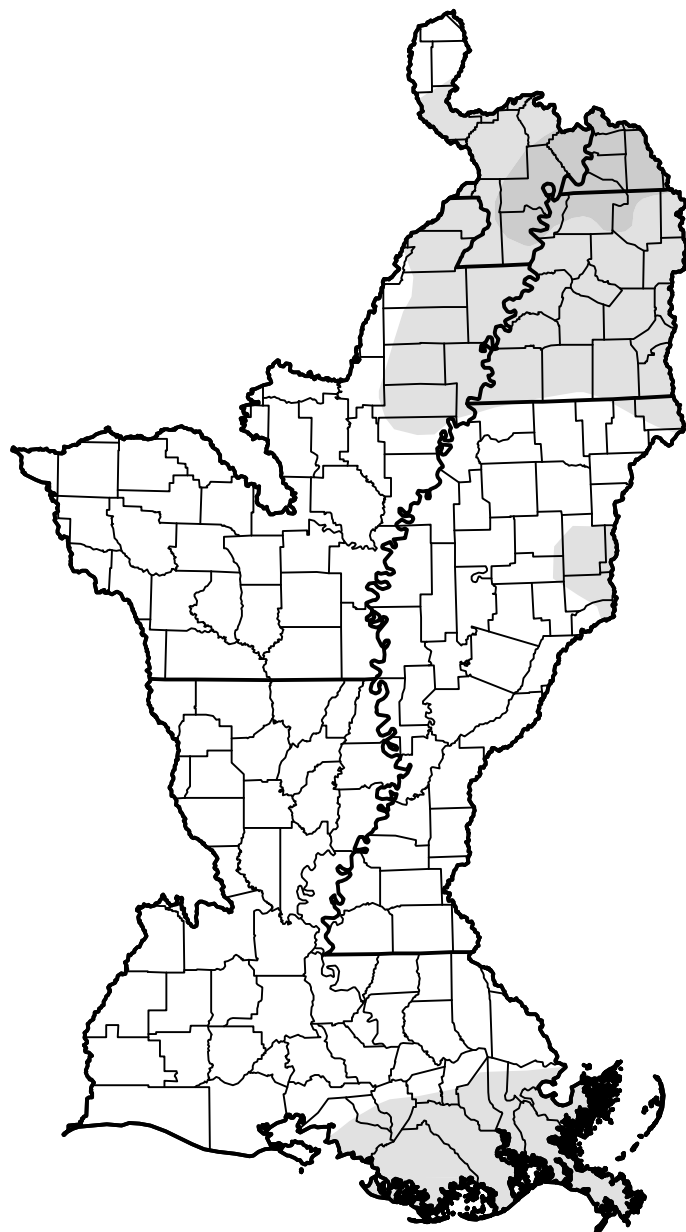


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed



**May 8, 2012**

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### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 73.81 | 26.19 | 3.61  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-03-2012</i>              | 73.15 | 26.85 | 0.16  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-09-2012</i>           | 80.36 | 19.64 | 13.88 | 10.60 | 6.63  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-05-2012</i> | 61.50 | 38.50 | 29.55 | 18.54 | 9.11  | 1.54 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2011</i>    | 41.41 | 58.59 | 32.20 | 16.78 | 9.37  | 0.89 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>05-12-2011</i>           | 48.83 | 51.17 | 37.44 | 24.32 | 7.69  | 1.22 |

### 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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