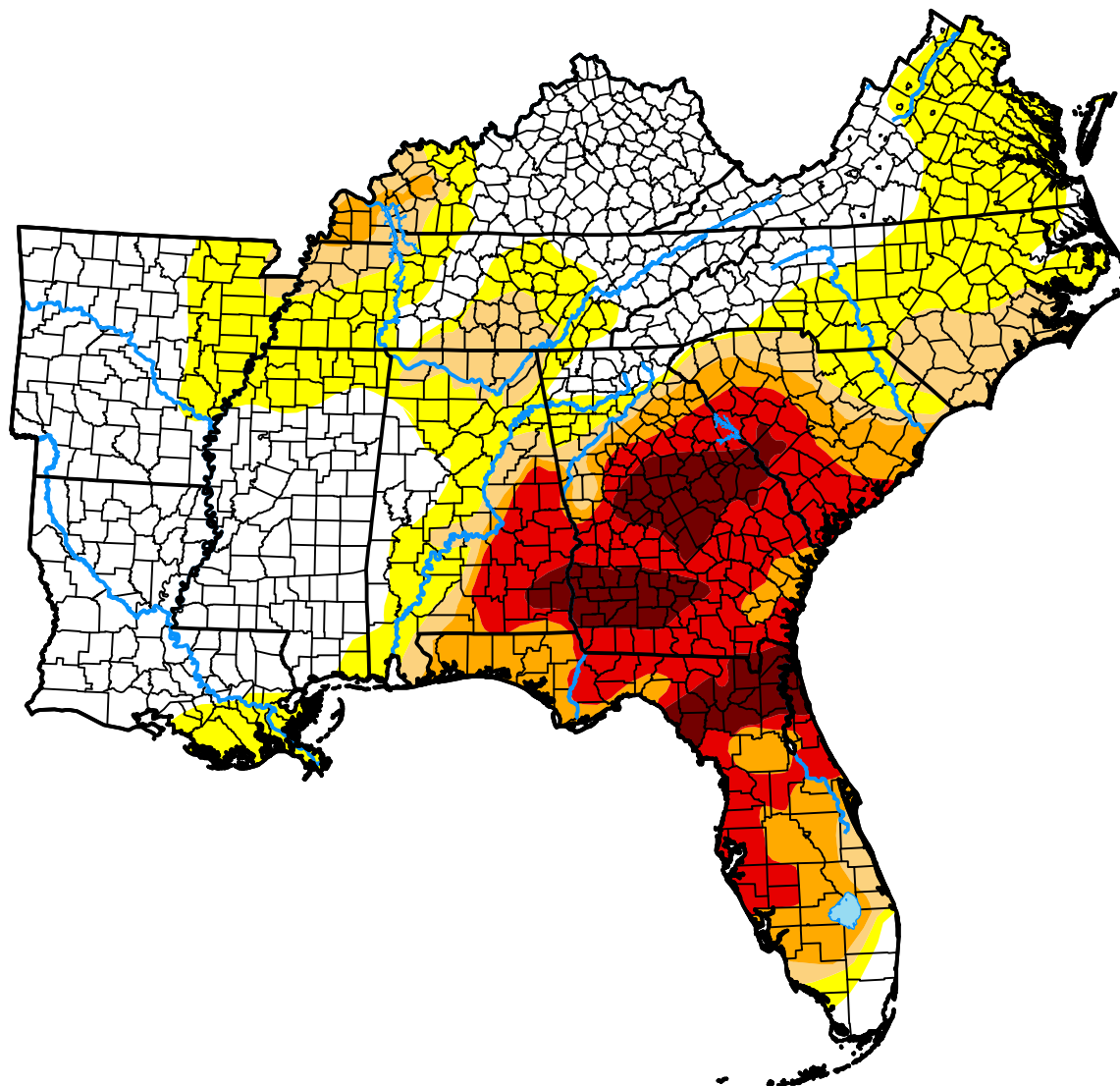


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub

**May 15, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, May. 17, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 41.67 | 58.33 | 34.55 | 25.20 | 16.54 | 5.03 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>05-08-2012</i>              | 39.21 | 60.79 | 39.54 | 25.78 | 16.85 | 4.75 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>02-14-2012</i>           | 51.24 | 48.76 | 38.27 | 25.55 | 16.95 | 5.78 |
| <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>05-17-2011</i>           | 46.35 | 53.65 | 36.92 | 23.79 | 8.08  | 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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