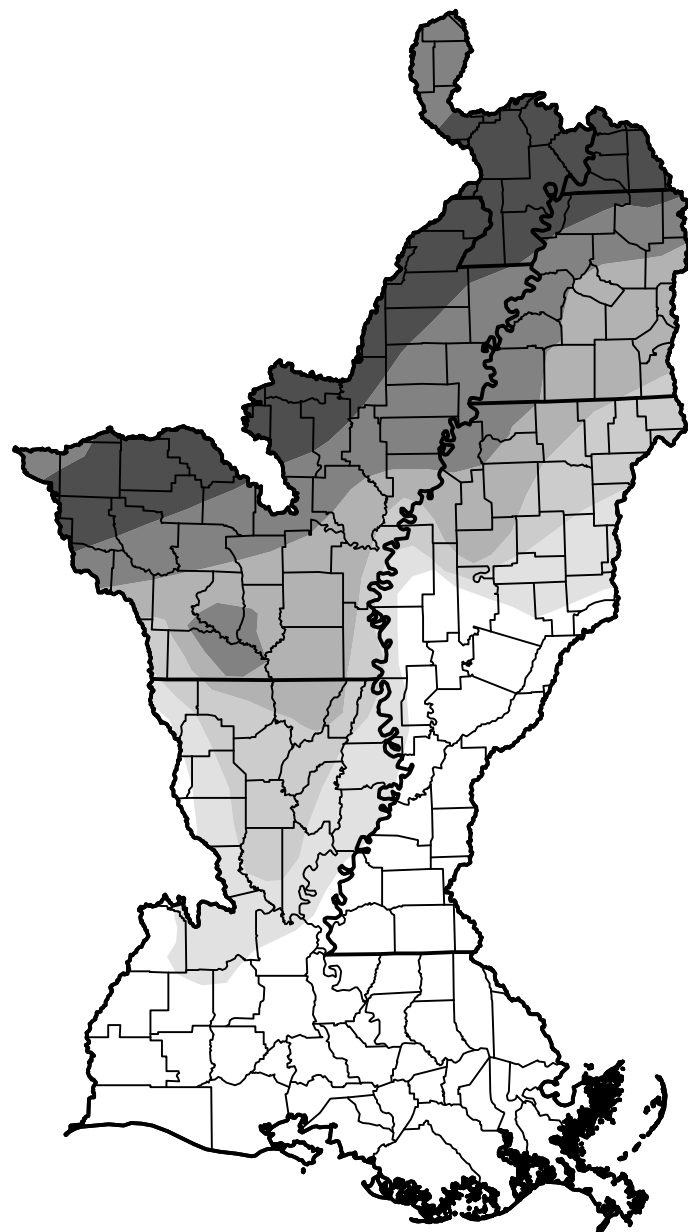


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## Lower Mississippi Watershed



**July 31, 2012**  
*(Released Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012)*  
 Valid 8 a.m. EDT

### Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3    | D4    |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 36.12 | 10.13 | 10.06 | 14.14 | 15.54 | 14.01 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>07-26-2012</i>              | 36.12 | 10.09 | 10.10 | 16.51 | 15.08 | 12.11 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>05-03-2012</i>           | 73.15 | 26.69 | 0.16  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 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>08-04-2011</i>           | 5.71  | 25.57 | 16.56 | 31.00 | 16.16 | 5.01  |

### 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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