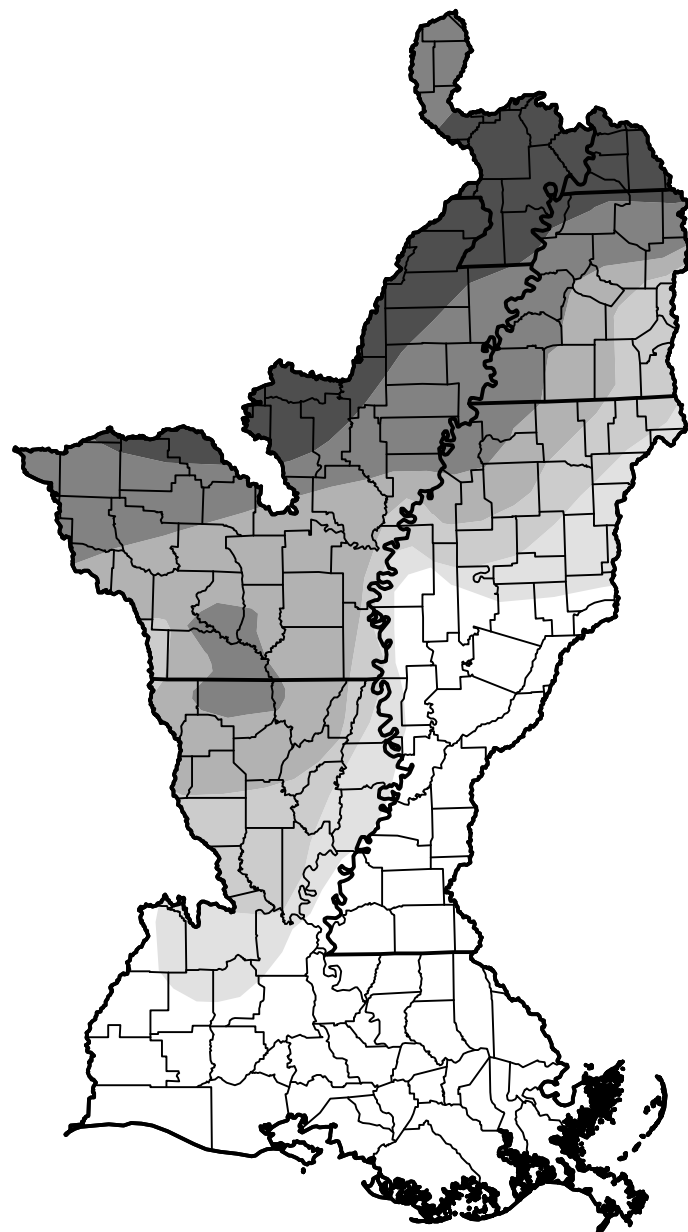


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.49	8.79	10.28	17.31	17.20	10.93
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	35.49	8.57	10.16	15.94	15.44	14.39
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	46.08	34.31	15.95	3.66	0.00	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>08-25-2011</i>	8.72	30.23	20.35	20.09	15.10	5.51

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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