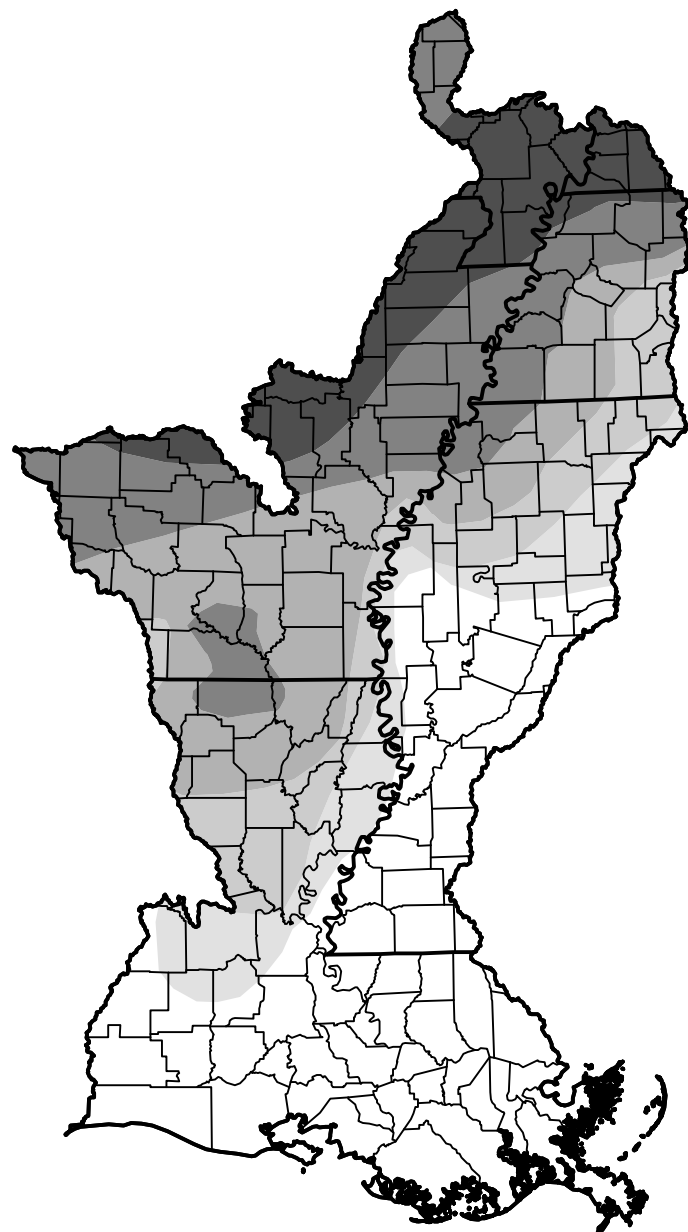


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.49	64.51	55.72	45.44	28.13	10.93
Last Week <i>08-16-2012</i>	35.49	64.51	55.93	45.77	29.82	14.39
3 Months Ago <i>05-24-2012</i>	46.08	53.92	19.61	3.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-05-2012</i>	61.50	38.50	29.55	18.54	9.11	1.54
Start of Water Year <i>09-29-2011</i>	41.41	58.59	32.20	16.78	9.37	0.89
One Year Ago <i>08-25-2011</i>	8.72	91.28	61.04	40.69	20.60	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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