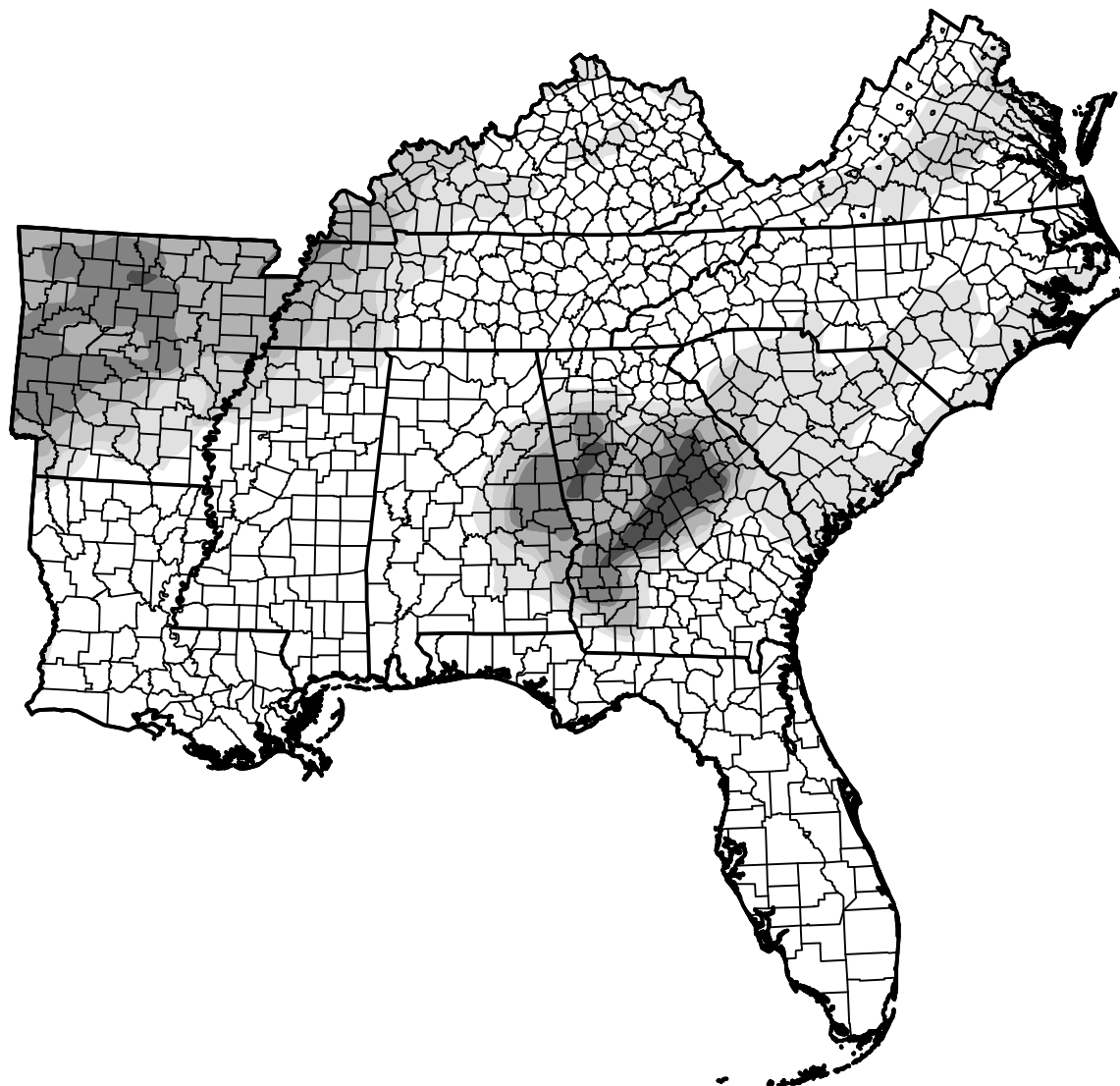


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Southeast Climate Hub

**October 16, 2012**  
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 Valid 8 a.m. EDT



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 64.19 | 35.81 | 20.05 | 14.38 | 6.87  | 1.19 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>10-09-2012</i>              | 67.14 | 32.86 | 20.30 | 14.47 | 7.80  | 1.93 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>07-17-2012</i>           | 29.99 | 70.01 | 46.39 | 29.15 | 15.21 | 4.24 |
| <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>09-25-2012</i>    | 59.82 | 40.18 | 25.35 | 16.91 | 9.62  | 2.85 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>10-18-2011</i>           | 44.63 | 55.37 | 39.05 | 26.00 | 17.80 | 3.45 |

### 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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