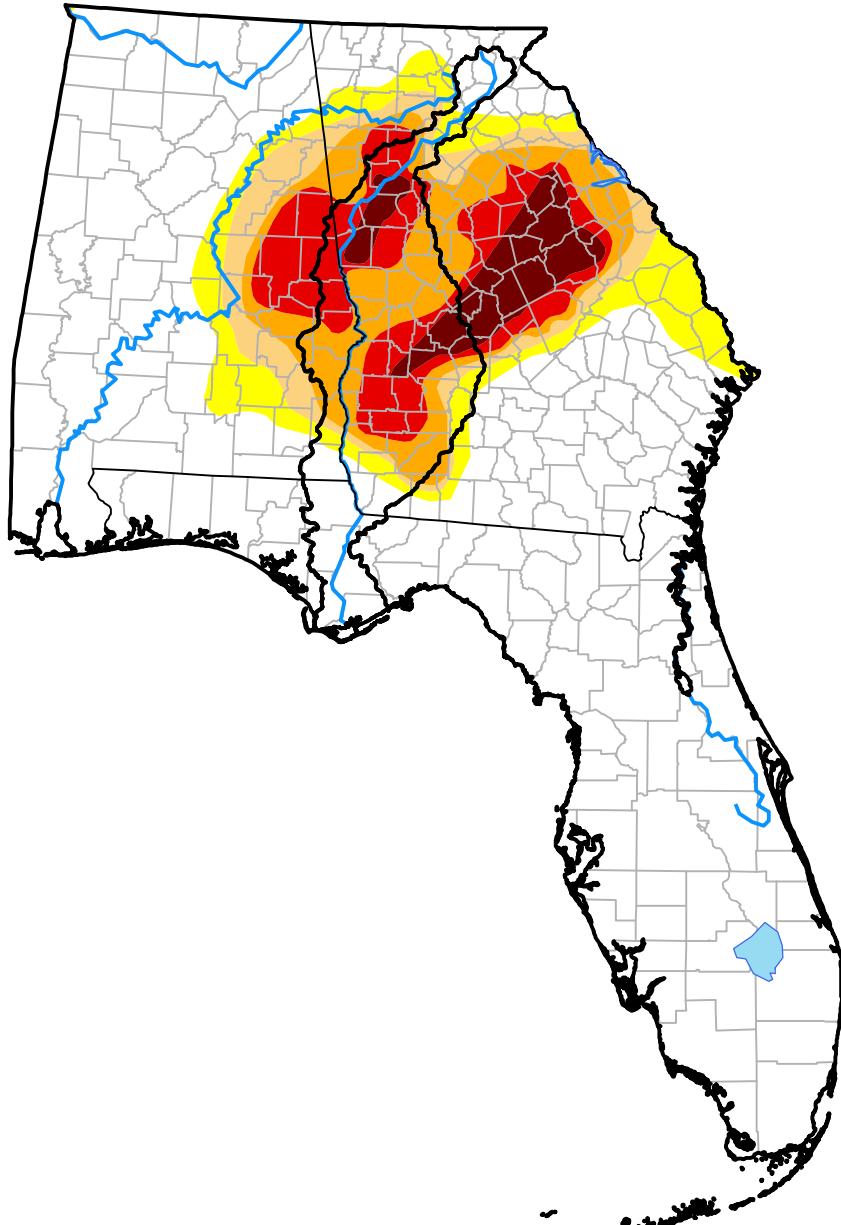


U.S. Drought Monitor Mississippi River Basin RDEWS and Surrounding Areas

October 23, 2012

(Released Thursday, Oct. 25, 2012)

8 a.m. EDT



Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	70.52	29.48	22.43	17.83	10.31	3.53
Last Week 10-18-2012	71.17	28.83	21.72	17.55	10.11	3.50
3 Months Ago 07-26-2012	36.58	63.42	45.03	28.83	18.91	8.78
Start of Calendar Year 01-05-2012	19.42	80.58	54.73	41.56	27.89	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2012	69.10	30.90	24.50	19.79	14.69	6.06
One Year Ago 10-27-2011	31.24	68.76	53.33	45.33	31.56	0.00

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>

Author:

Brad Rippey
U.S. Department of Agriculture



droughtmonitor.unl.edu