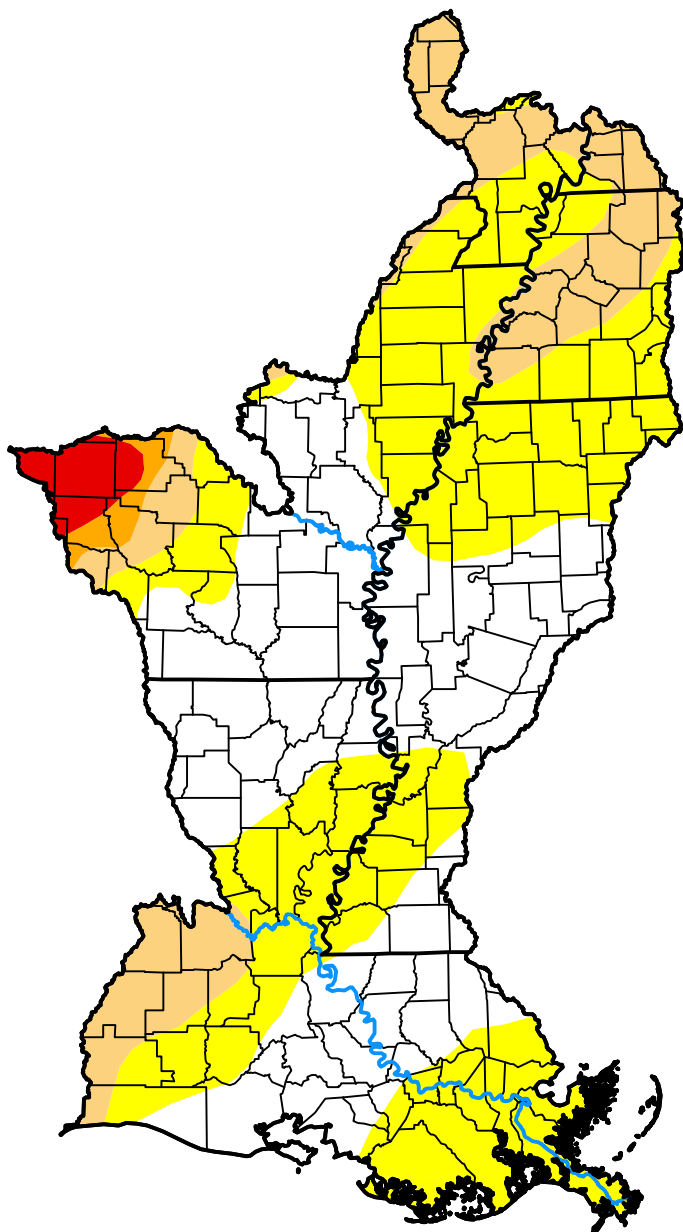


U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	39.57	42.58	14.89	1.08	1.88	0.00
Last Week <i>12-13-2012</i>	33.52	46.17	15.42	3.02	1.87	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-20-2012</i>	46.36	9.52	16.31	18.19	9.63	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>09-27-2012</i>	46.35	9.52	16.31	18.19	9.63	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-22-2011</i>	53.32	13.06	12.19	13.53	5.45	2.45

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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