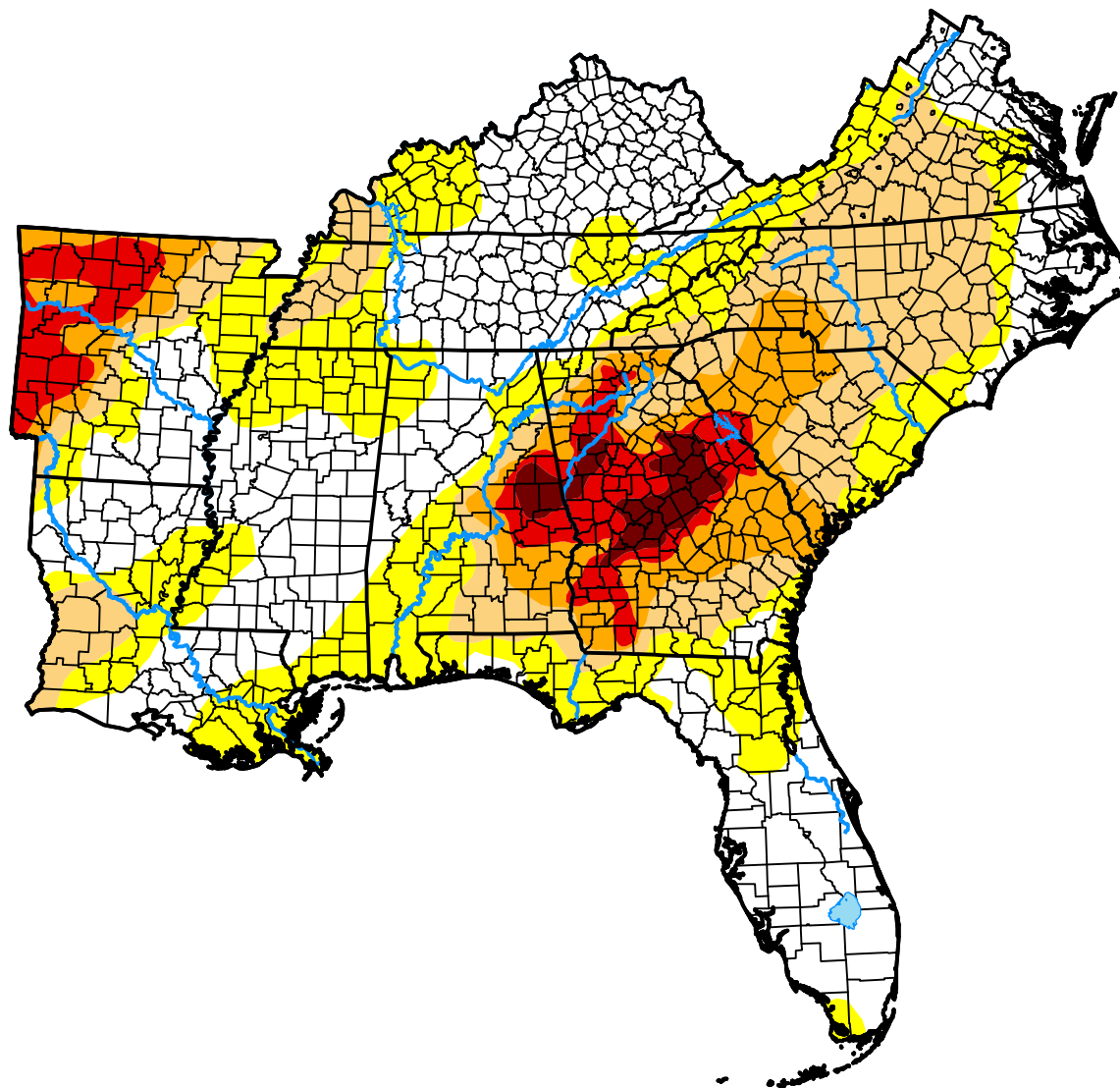


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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	37.56	26.96	18.55	8.94	6.09	1.90
Last Week <i>12-11-2012</i>	35.86	28.09	19.20	8.90	6.04	1.90
3 Months Ago <i>09-18-2012</i>	57.58	17.01	8.50	7.33	6.85	2.73
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2012</i>	51.42	14.02	13.18	8.56	12.45	0.37
Start of Water Year <i>09-25-2012</i>	59.82	14.83	8.43	7.29	6.77	2.85
One Year Ago <i>12-20-2011</i>	51.76	13.95	11.01	9.19	13.41	0.68

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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