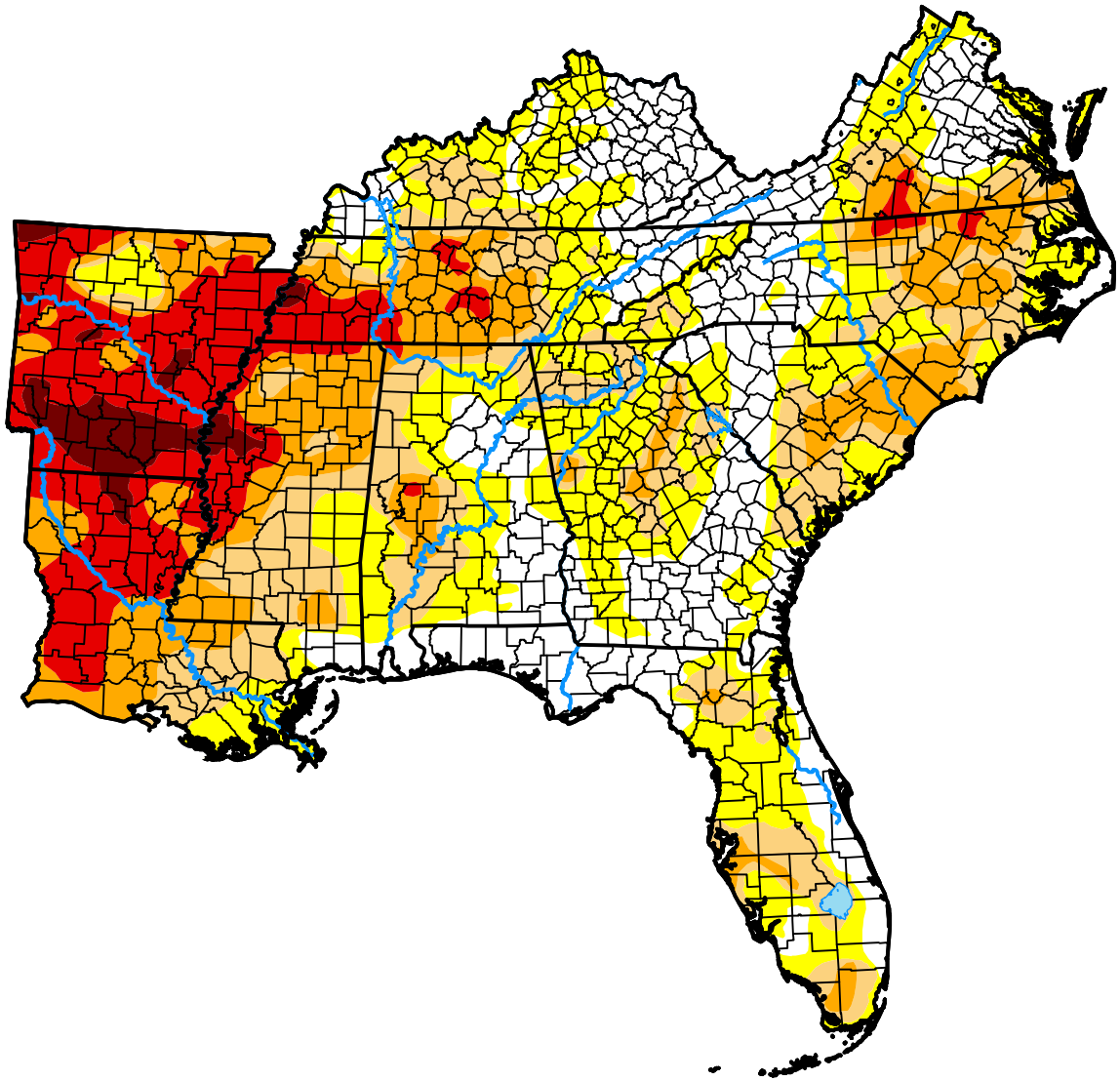
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	24.01	26.52	17.81	16.38	12.70	2.57
Last Week *10-13-2026*	21.59	28.68	21.37	18.74	8.55	1.07
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	38.28	22.18	15.32	16.51	7.35	0.37
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	4.38	20.45	51.21	23.18	0.77	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.40	30.36	29.96	22.31	6.62	0.35
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	25.56	29.79	31.68	10.23	2.74	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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