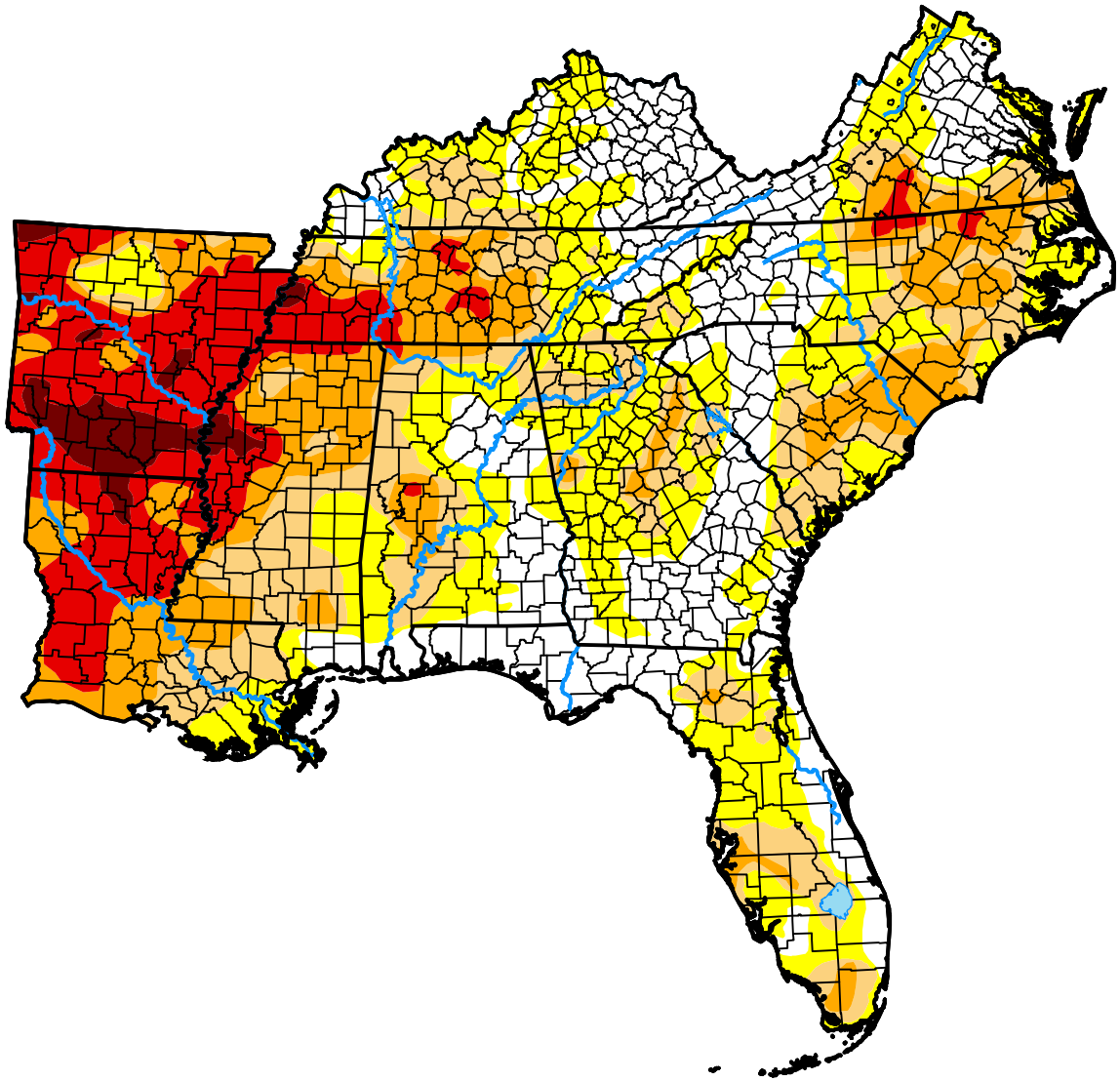
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Southeast Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	24.01	75.99	49.47	31.65	15.27	2.57
Last Week *10-13-2026*	21.59	78.41	49.73	28.36	9.62	1.07
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	38.28	61.72	39.54	24.23	7.72	0.37
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	4.38	95.62	75.16	23.95	0.77	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.40	89.60	59.24	29.28	6.97	0.35
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	25.56	74.44	44.65	12.97	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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