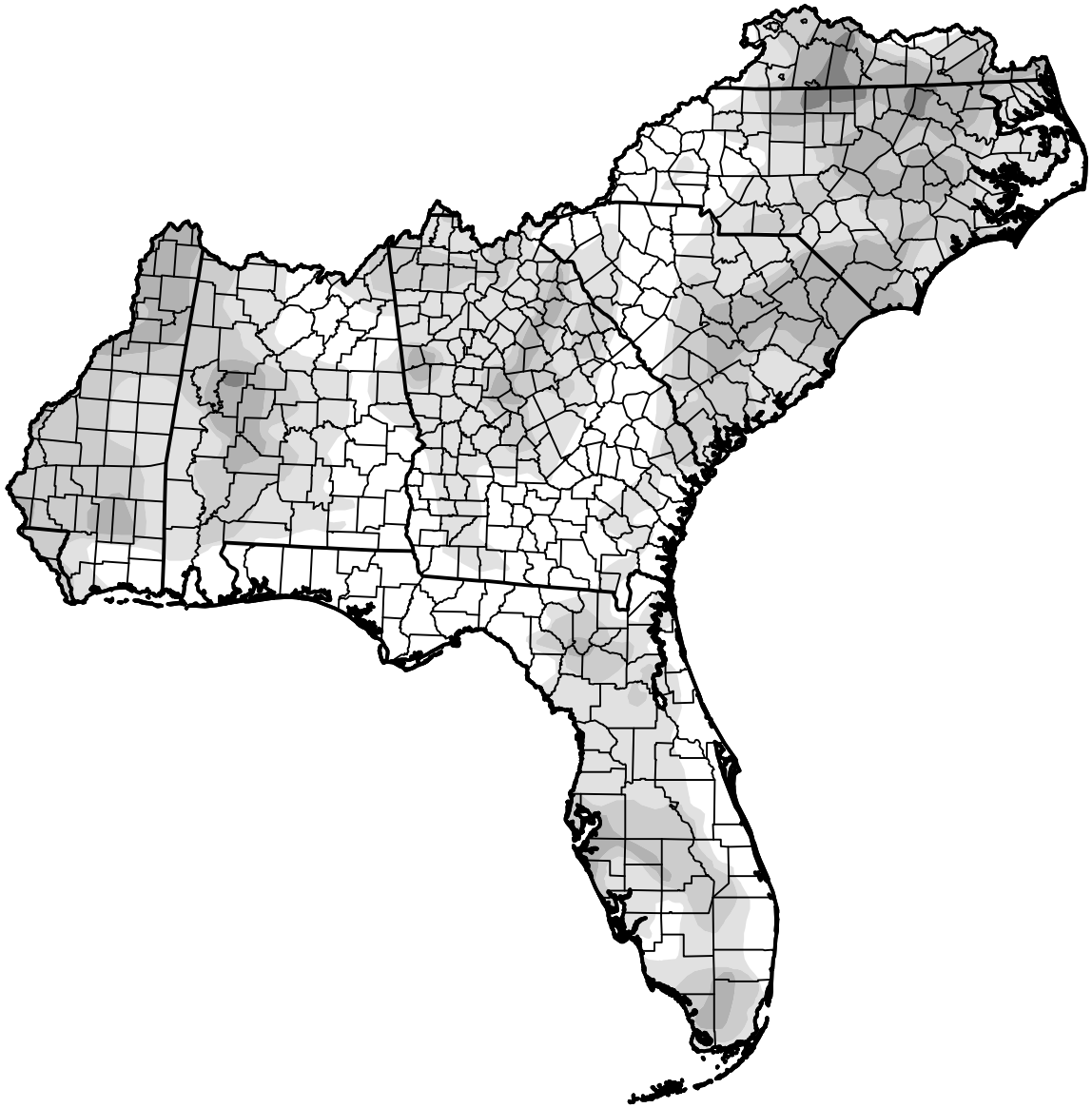
U.S. Drought Monitor

South Atlantic-Gulf Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.97	33.47	23.25	13.44	0.87	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	27.01	33.98	26.28	11.45	1.28	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	30.29	20.59	15.32	22.18	11.26	0.36
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.04	18.16	54.65	25.67	1.48	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	5.41	38.20	37.97	15.33	3.03	0.06
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	14.41	28.06	37.88	14.36	5.28	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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