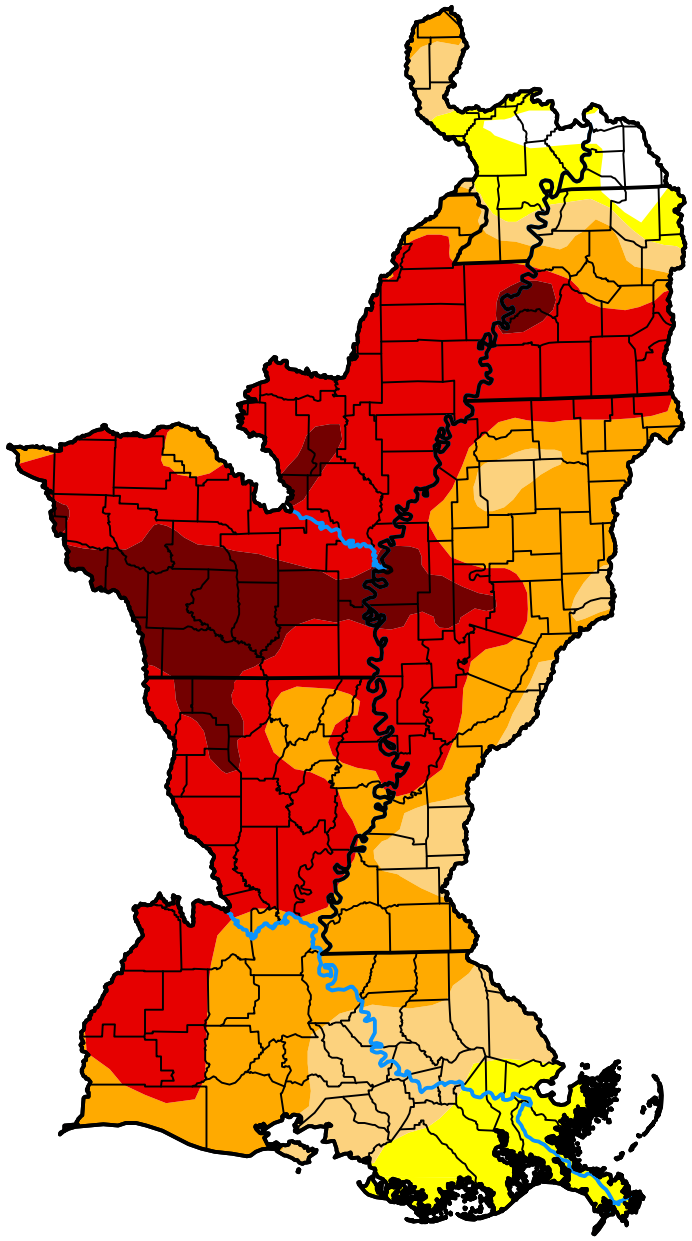
U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	1.95	8.48	11.79	26.75	40.79	10.23
Last Week *10-13-2026*	1.95	10.68	18.23	40.45	24.83	3.85
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	52.95	21.33	13.91	6.92	3.97	0.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.62	23.76	58.52	17.10	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	2.18	10.62	26.33	45.69	14.26	0.93
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	18.53	35.25	40.52	5.71	0.00	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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