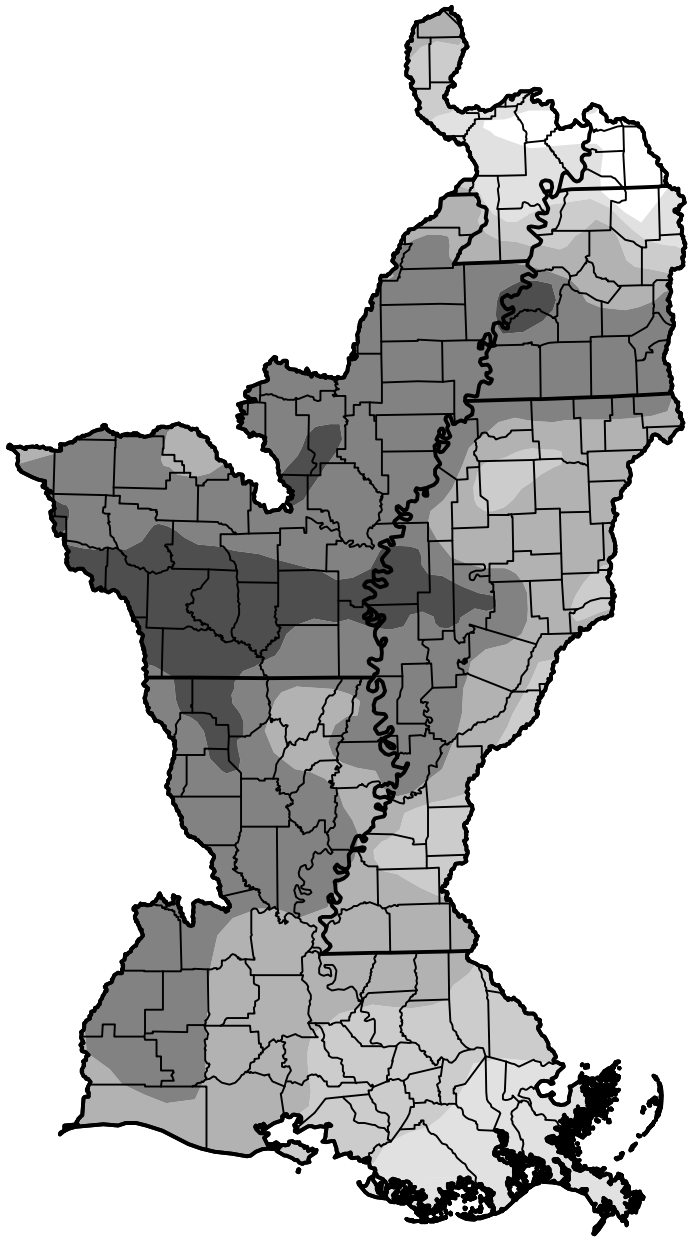
U.S. Drought Monitor

Lower Mississippi Watershed



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	1.95	98.05	89.57	77.78	51.02	10.23
Last Week *10-13-2026*	1.95	98.05	87.37	69.13	28.68	3.85
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	52.95	47.05	25.72	11.82	4.89	0.93
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.62	99.38	75.62	17.10	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	2.18	97.82	87.20	60.87	15.18	0.93
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	18.53	81.47	46.23	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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