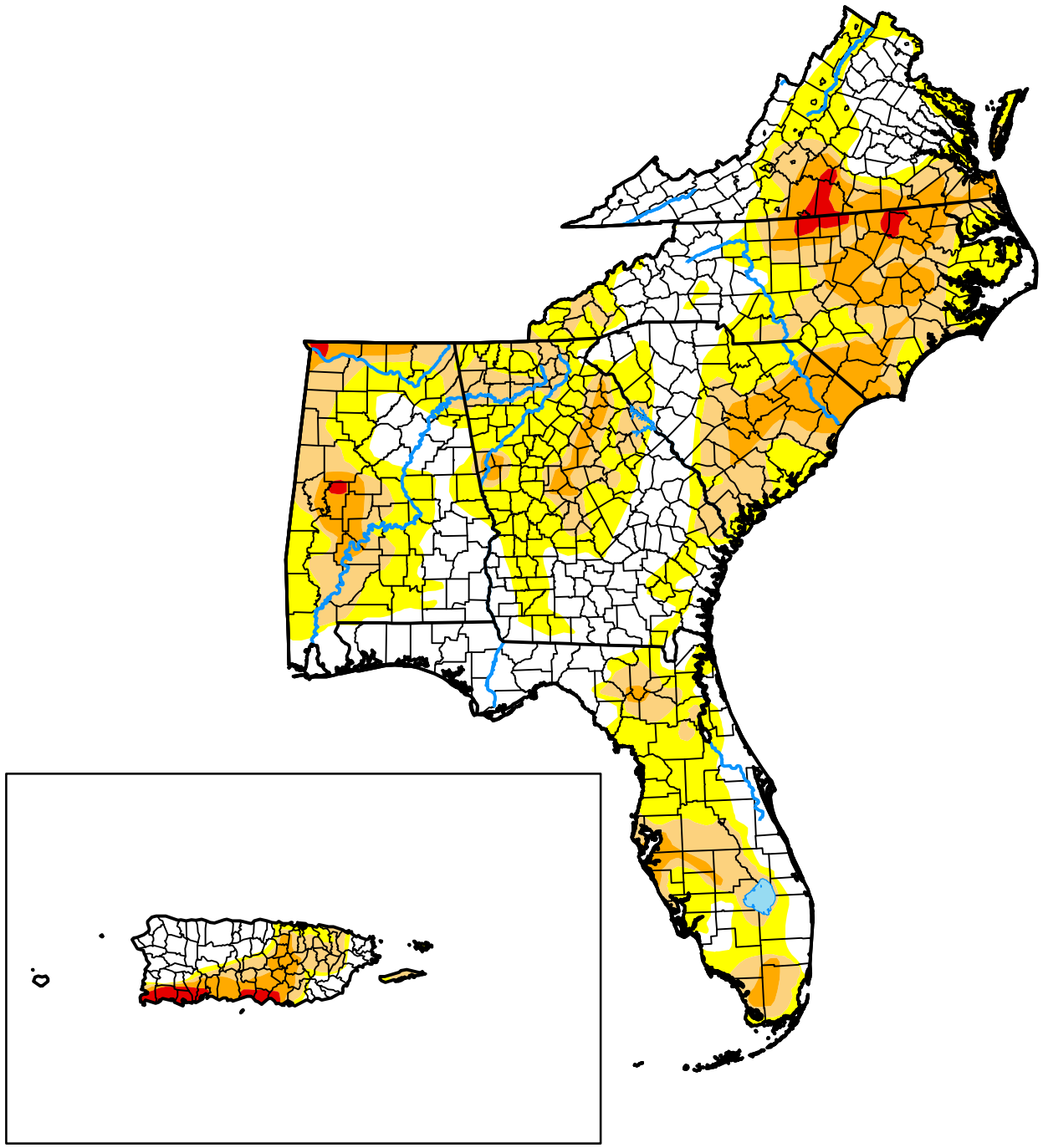
U.S. Drought Monitor

Southeast Climate Region



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.89	66.11	31.88	12.18	0.96	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	30.88	69.12	34.36	11.87	1.27	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	22.21	77.79	56.46	37.06	11.89	0.33
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	1.29	98.71	82.87	31.06	1.37	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	10.73	89.27	51.81	17.28	2.97	0.06
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	15.86	84.14	57.74	18.88	4.88	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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