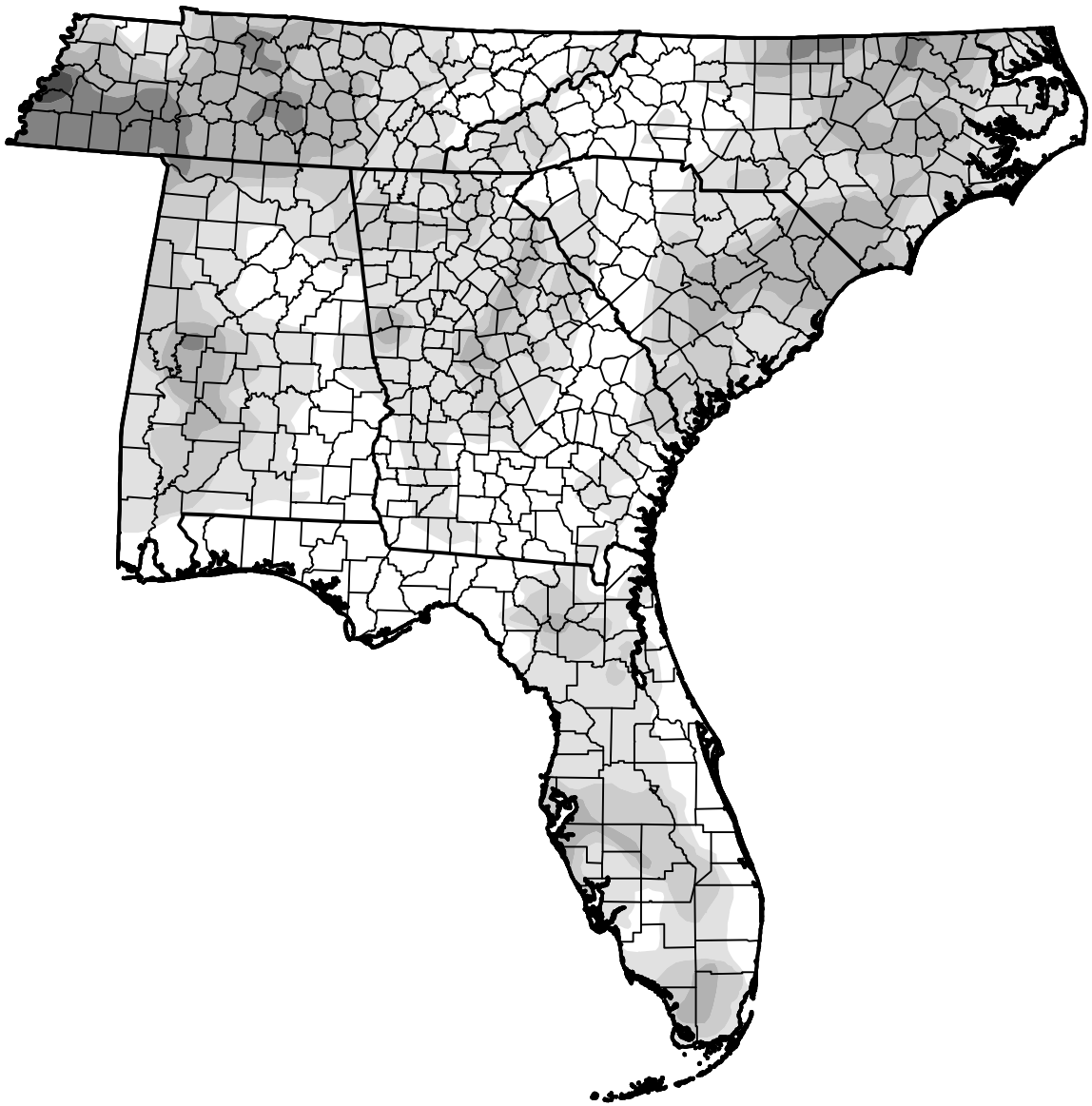
U.S. Drought Monitor

Southeast DEWS



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	28.98	33.54	20.37	13.80	3.13	0.17
Last Week *10-13-2026*	26.33	33.99	24.24	13.48	1.95	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	26.74	22.12	18.12	22.52	10.19	0.30
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	0.31	15.94	54.83	27.72	1.21	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	6.91	37.45	35.74	16.83	3.01	0.06
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	19.65	26.98	36.59	12.46	4.31	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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