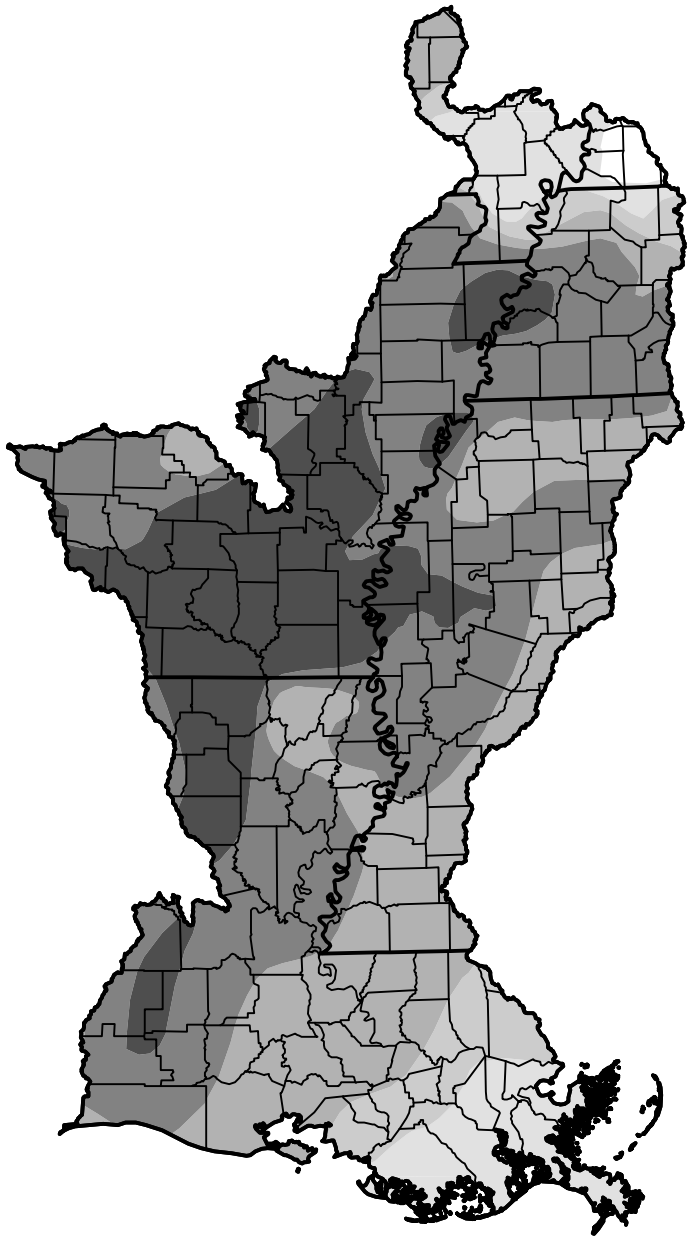
*U.S. Drought Monitor*

# Lower Mississippi Watershed



## October 27, 2026

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**Valid 8 a.m. EDT**

*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

| | None | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Current** | 0.73 | 99.27 | 90.36 | 84.98 | 60.97 | 21.05 |
| **Last Week** *10-20-2026* | 1.95 | 98.05 | 89.57 | 77.78 | 51.02 | 10.23 |
| **3 Months Ago** *07-28-2026* | 53.94 | 46.06 | 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** *10-28-2025* | 25.70 | 74.30 | 26.92 | 4.89 | 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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