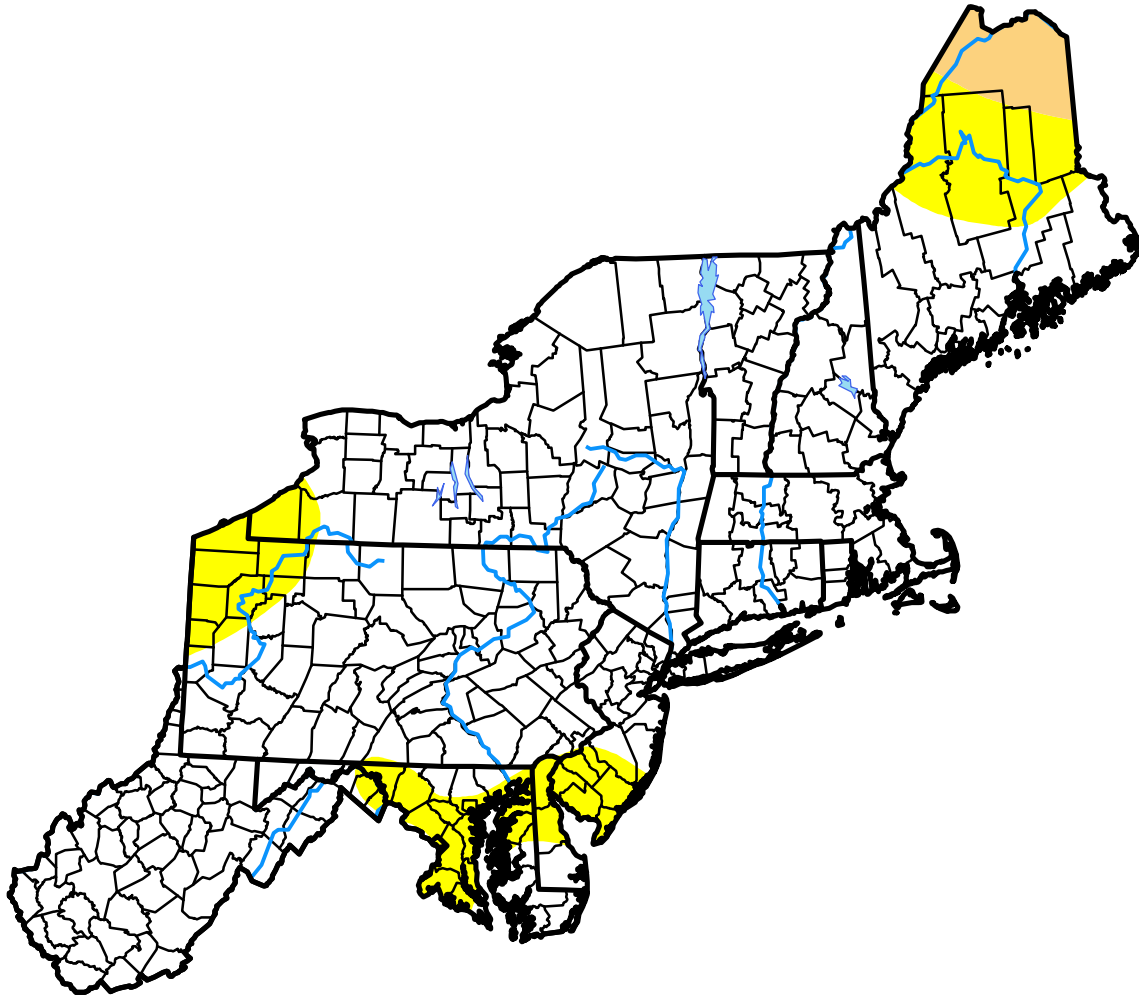


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
<b>Current</b>	84.44	13.00	2.56	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>12-03-2002</i>	86.77	10.83	2.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>09-10-2002</i>	0.00	29.54	43.85	26.61	0.00	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-01-2002</i>	22.26	26.28	24.69	17.41	9.35	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.77	38.31	19.88	10.40	1.63	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>12-11-2001</i>	15.03	31.18	37.77	16.02	0.00	0.00

***Intensity:***

- 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. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.*

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