

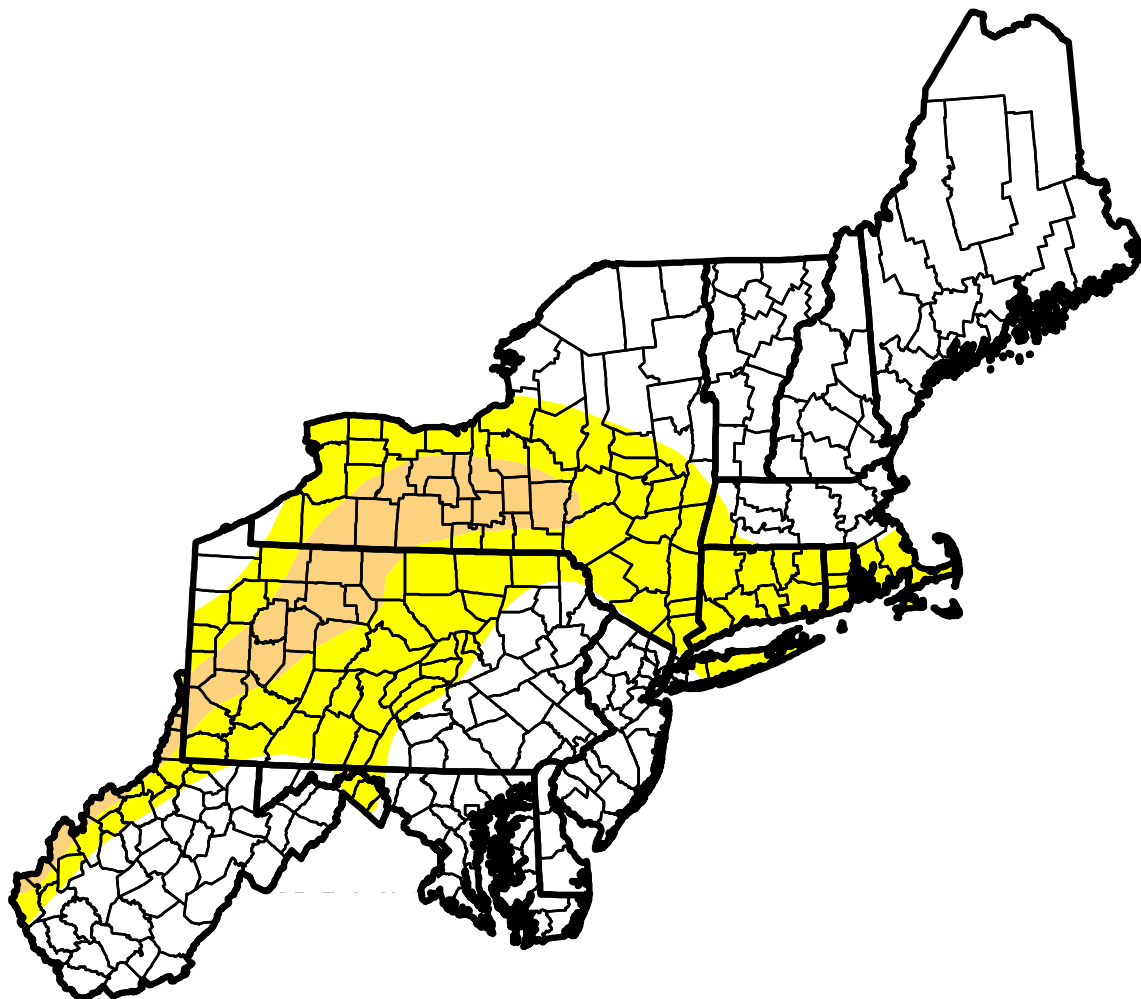
U.S. Drought Monitor Northeast

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

| | None | D0 | D1 | D2 | D3 | D4 |
|--|--------|-------|------|------|------|------|
| Current | 62.27 | 28.63 | 9.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Last Week <i>8/16/2005</i> | 59.99 | 32.36 | 7.65 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 3 Months Ago <i>5/24/2005</i> | 95.47 | 4.53 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Calendar Year <i>1/4/2005</i> | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Start of Water Year <i>9/28/2004</i> | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| One Year Ago <i>8/24/2004</i> | 89.88 | 10.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 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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