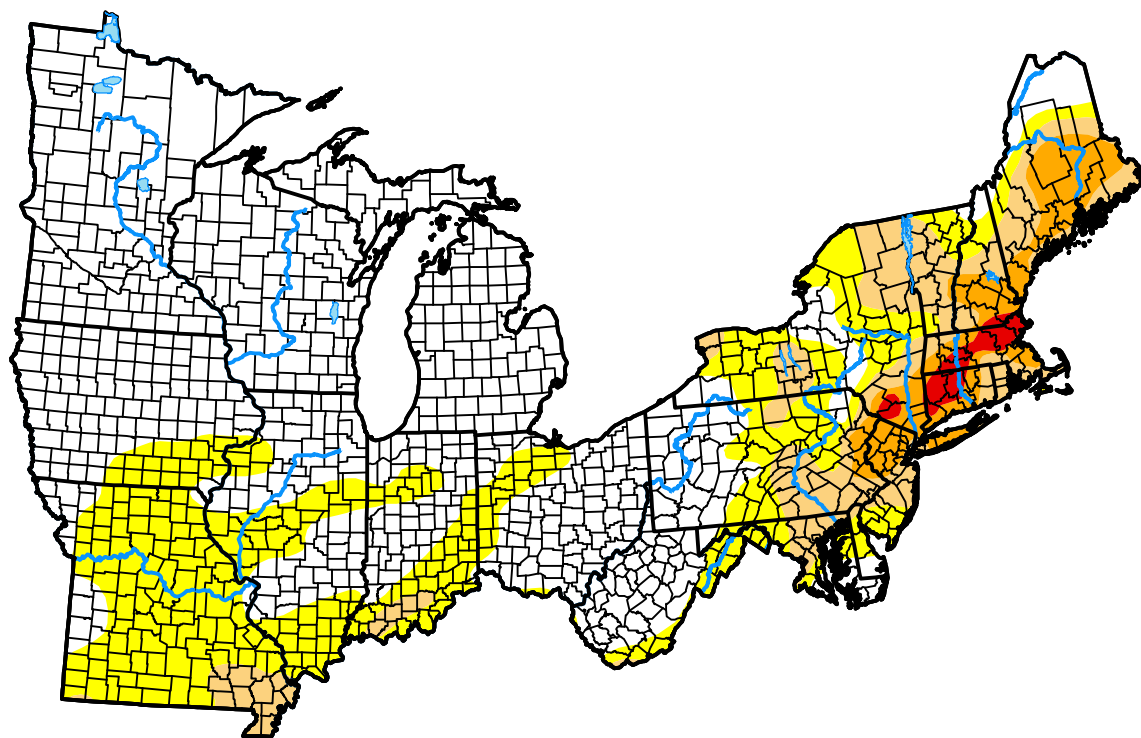


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Forests

### Climate Hub

**December 20, 2016**  
 (Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016)  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                             | None  | D0    | D1    | D2   | D3   | D4   |
|---------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                              | 60.46 | 24.52 | 9.68  | 4.39 | 0.95 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br>12-13-2016              | 58.95 | 23.04 | 12.25 | 4.72 | 1.04 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br>09-20-2016           | 74.31 | 13.34 | 7.43  | 3.24 | 1.68 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br>12-29-2015 | 79.37 | 16.83 | 3.80  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br>09-27-2016    | 69.73 | 17.38 | 6.89  | 3.96 | 2.05 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br>12-22-2015           | 78.87 | 16.98 | 4.16  | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |

#### Intensity:

|                     |                        |
|---------------------|------------------------|
| None                | D2 Severe Drought      |
| D0 Abnormally Dry   | D3 Extreme Drought     |
| D1 Moderate 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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