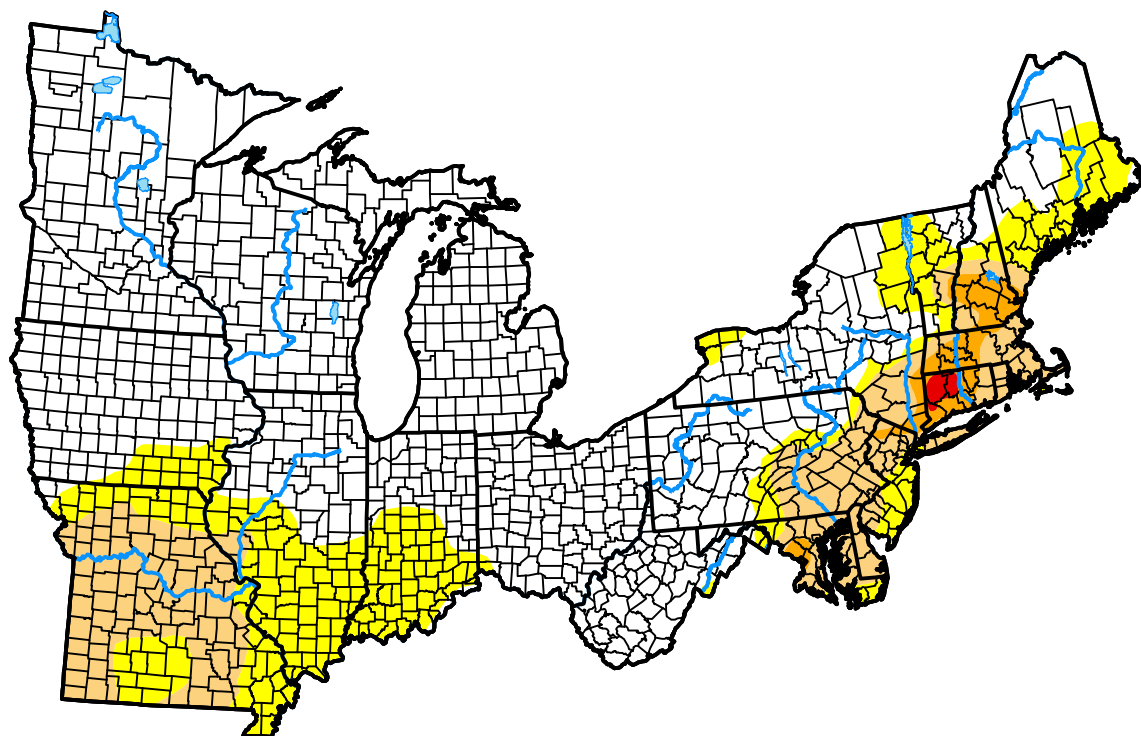


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Forests

### Climate Hub

**February 28, 2017**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 66.80 | 33.20 | 15.34 | 2.14  | 0.21  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-21-2017</i>              | 68.06 | 31.94 | 14.06 | 2.01  | 0.21  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-29-2016</i>           | 58.55 | 41.45 | 18.72 | 6.52  | 1.04  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2017</i> | 63.05 | 36.95 | 16.76 | 3.58  | 0.43  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 69.73 | 30.27 | 12.89 | 6.00  | 2.05  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>03-01-2016</i>           | 98.17 | 1.83  | 0.00  | 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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