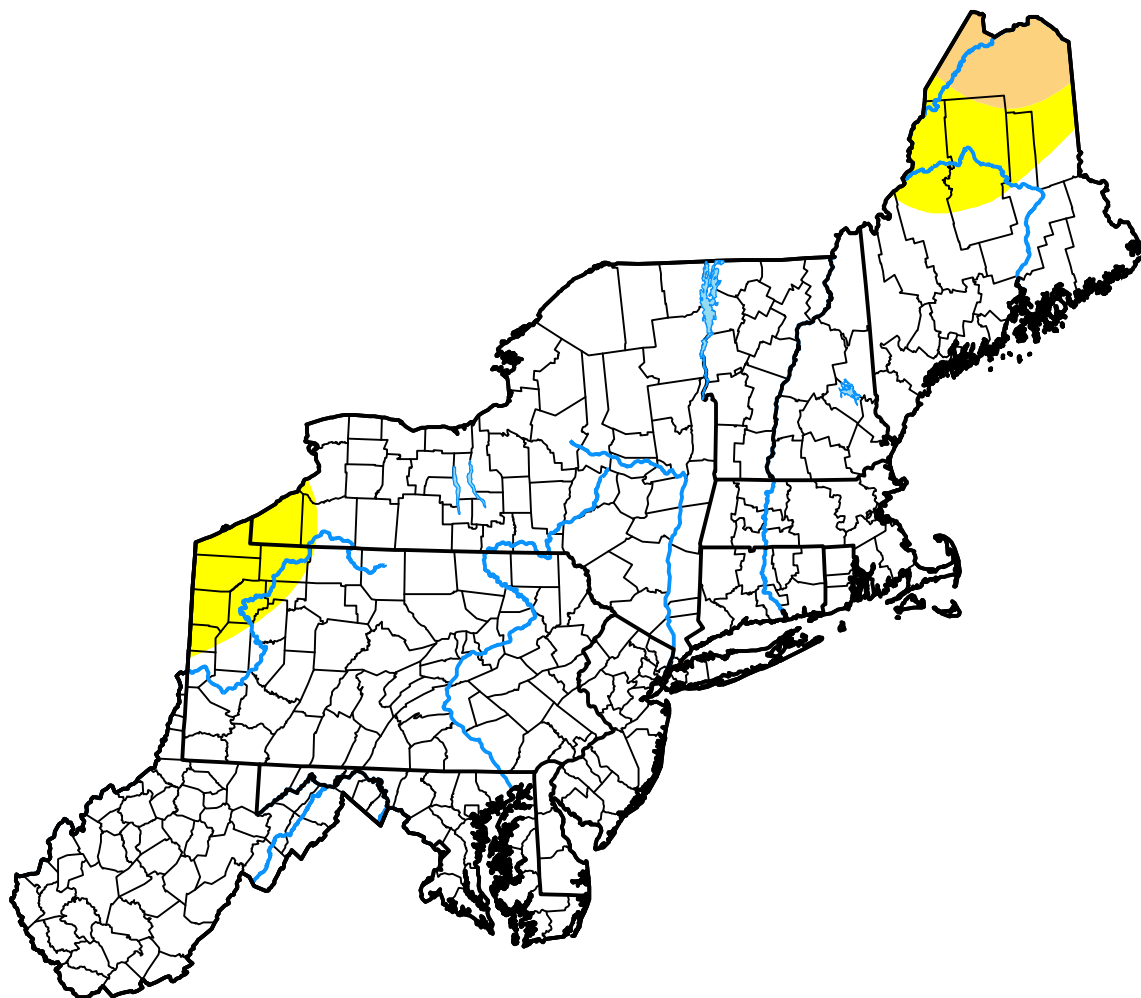


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	90.68	7.04	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-17-2002</i>	89.32	8.23	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-24-2002</i>	7.38	30.54	36.94	21.62	3.52	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2002</i>	22.27	26.29	24.67	17.42	9.36	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.79	38.28	19.89	10.40	1.64	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-25-2001</i>	21.99	27.25	24.51	16.75	9.50	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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