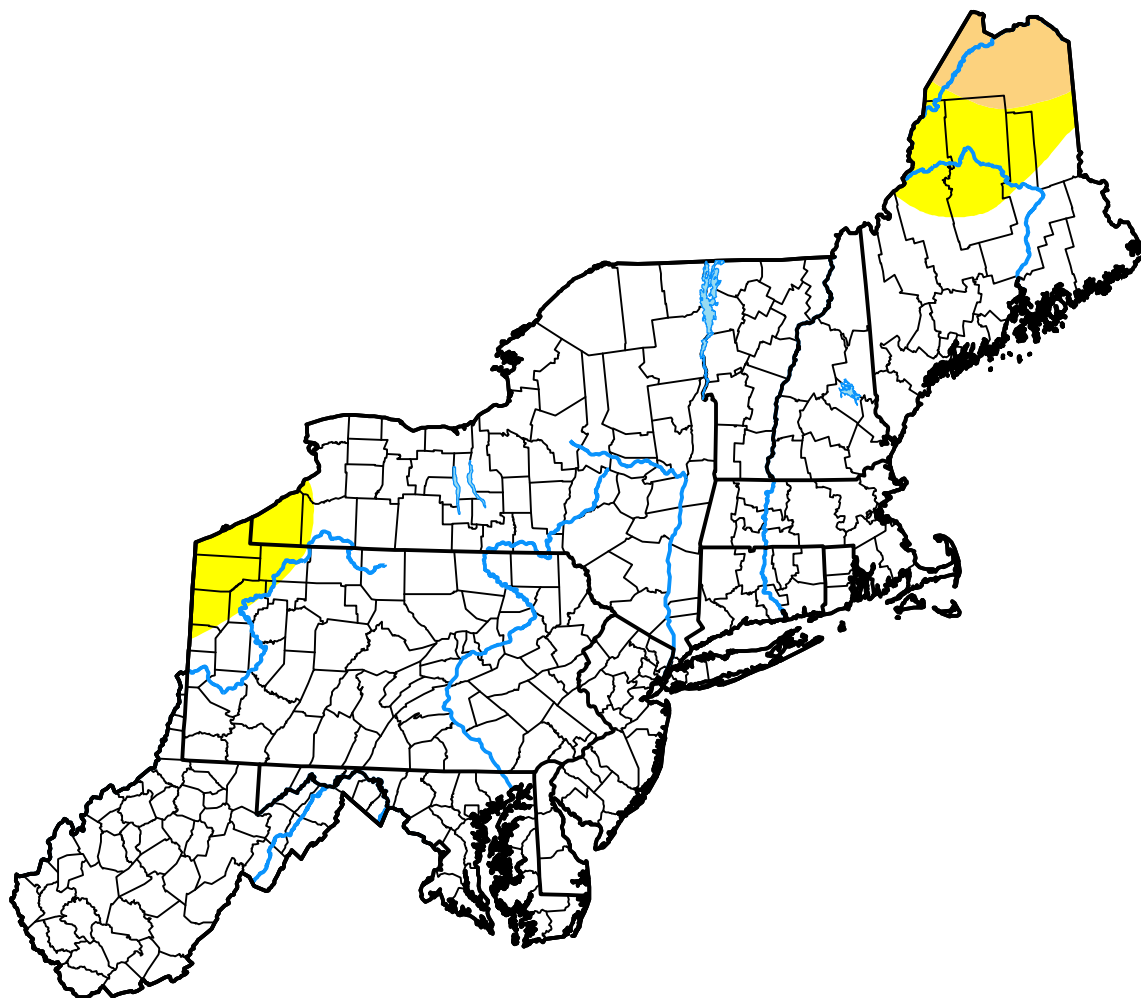


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	91.22	6.40	2.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week 12-24-2002	90.68	7.04	2.28	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 10-01-2002	29.79	38.28	19.89	10.40	1.64	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-01-2002	22.27	26.29	24.67	17.42	9.36	0.00
Start of Water Year 10-01-2002	29.79	38.28	19.89	10.40	1.64	0.00
One Year Ago 01-01-2002	22.27	26.29	24.67	17.42	9.36	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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