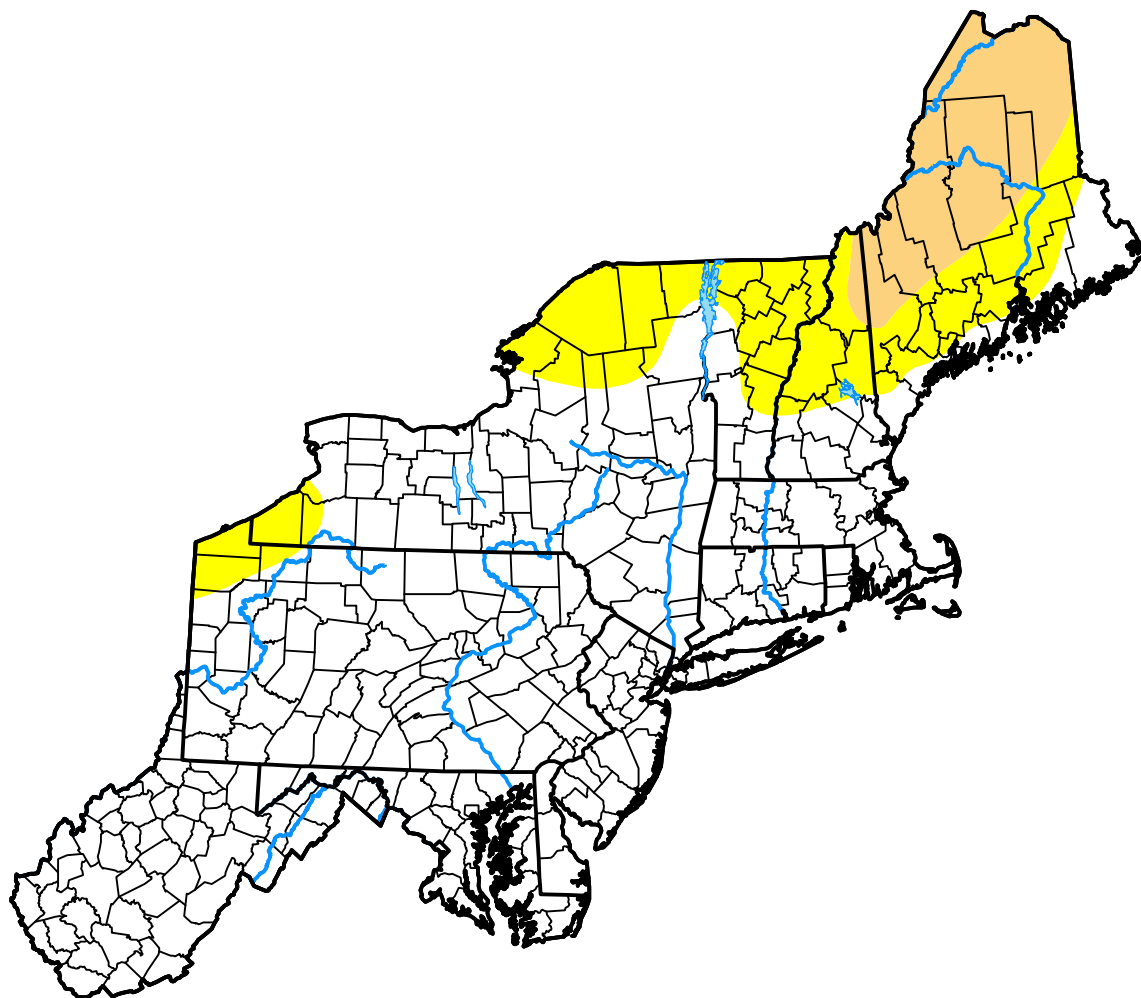


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	75.14	15.93	8.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	79.62	11.78	8.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	89.32	8.23	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	91.22	6.40	2.38	0.00	0.00	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>03-19-2002</i>	12.95	17.83	17.70	32.22	19.31	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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