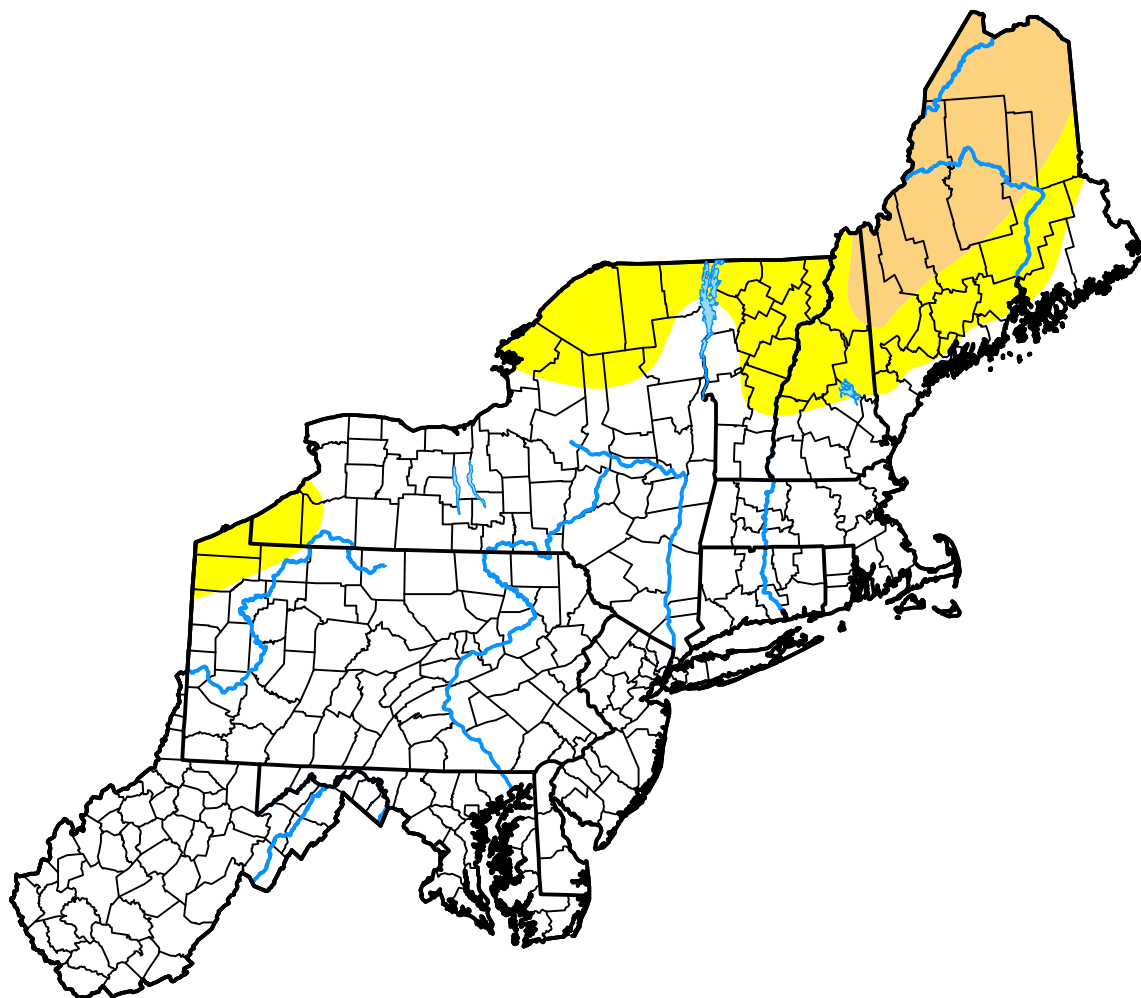


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	75.14	24.86	8.92	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>03-11-2003</i>	79.62	20.38	8.61	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>12-17-2002</i>	89.32	10.68	2.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>12-31-2002</i>	91.22	8.78	2.38	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>10-01-2002</i>	29.79	70.21	31.93	12.04	1.64	0.00
One Year Ago <i>03-19-2002</i>	12.95	87.05	69.22	51.53	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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