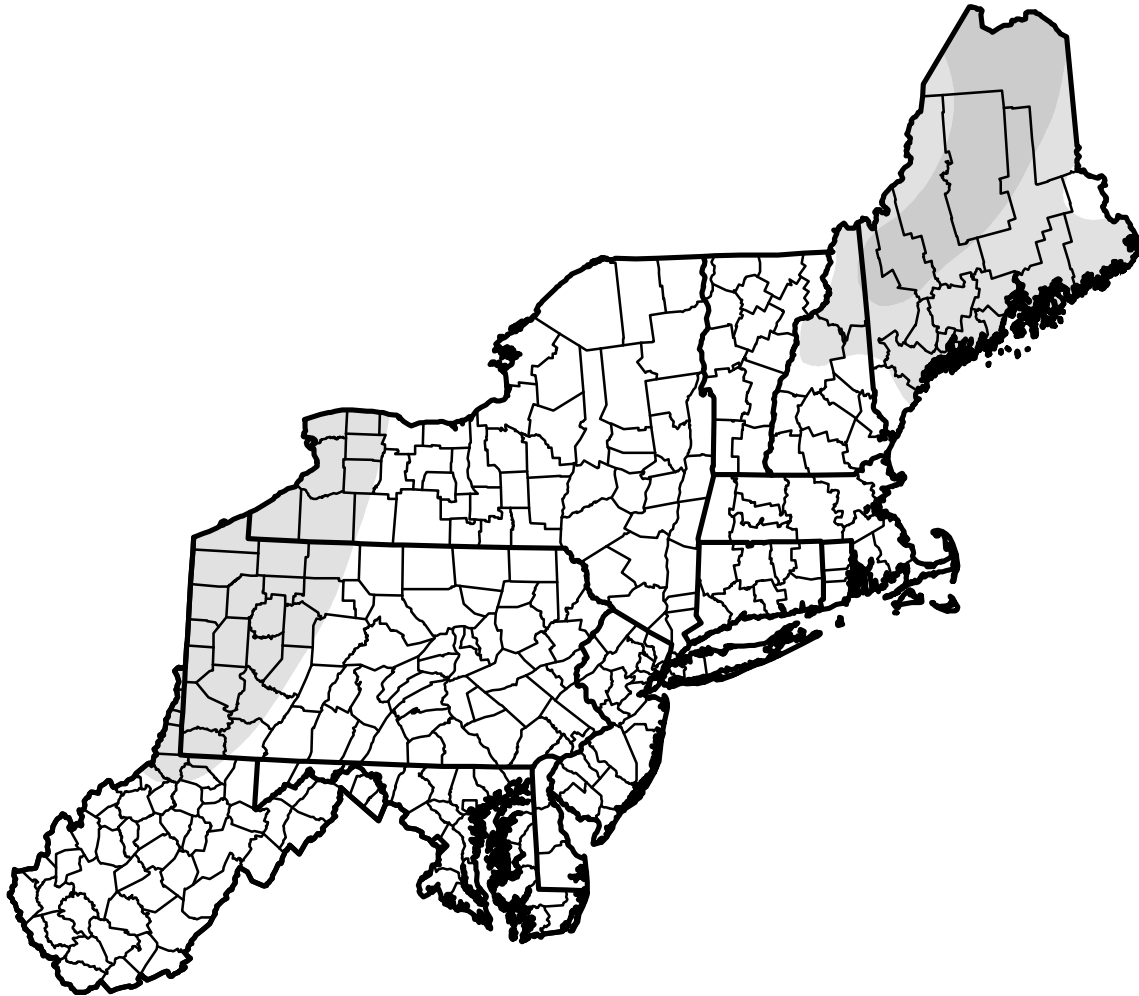


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	73.34	19.71	6.95	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>04-29-2003</i>	74.02	18.00	7.98	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>02-04-2003</i>	87.37	8.27	4.36	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>	29.77	38.31	19.88	10.40	1.63	0.00
One Year Ago <i>05-07-2002</i>	45.74	11.14	16.30	24.08	2.74	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme Drought
- D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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