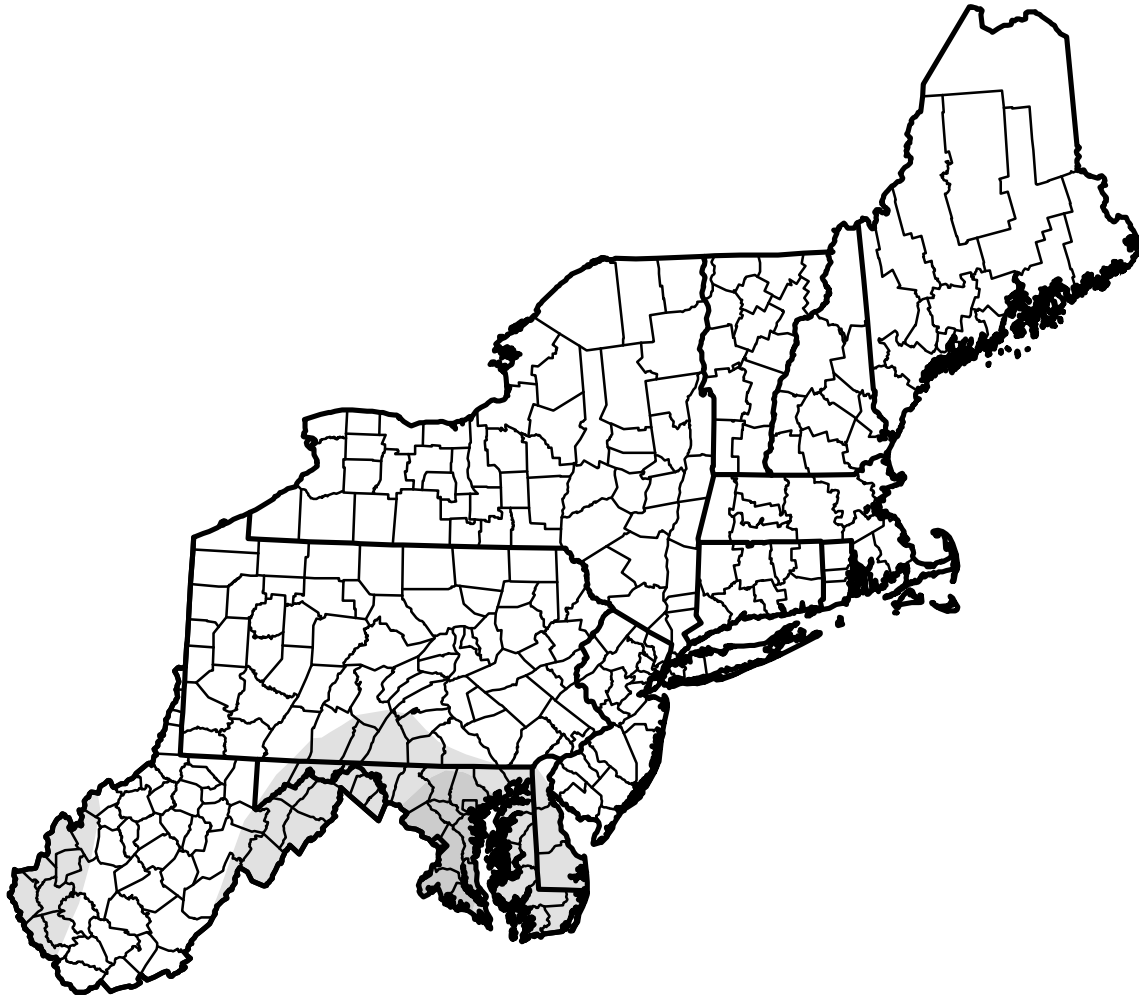


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	88.89	9.18	1.93	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>08-22-2006</i>	86.90	10.01	3.09	0.00	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>05-30-2006</i>	69.15	30.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-03-2006</i>	99.28	0.64	0.08	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-27-2005</i>	51.67	24.93	23.40	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>08-30-2005</i>	64.92	27.80	7.29	0.00	0.00	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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