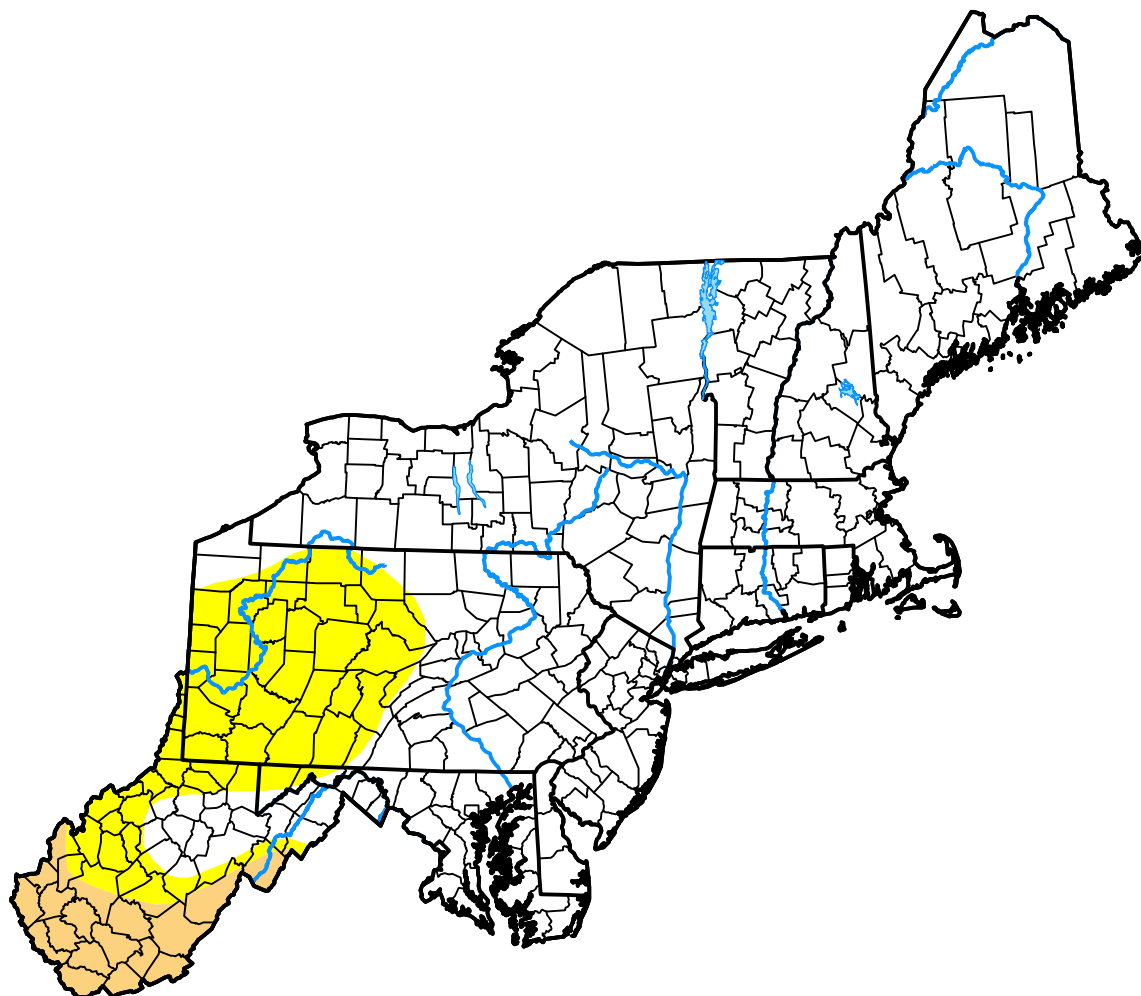


U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	80.41	19.59	4.81	0.00	0.00	0.00
Last Week <i>12-09-2008</i>	76.44	23.56	5.76	0.61	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago <i>09-16-2008</i>	90.17	9.83	1.16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year <i>01-01-2008</i>	90.52	9.48	3.15	1.14	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year <i>09-30-2008</i>	82.50	17.50	2.57	0.00	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago <i>12-18-2007</i>	90.52	9.48	3.15	1.14	0.00	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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