

# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northeast Climate Hub

**December 22, 2009**  
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 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-15-2009</i>              | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-22-2009</i>           | 85.77  | 14.23 | 6.56  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-30-2008</i> | 88.72  | 11.28 | 4.69  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-29-2009</i>    | 88.79  | 11.21 | 4.41  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-23-2008</i>           | 88.10  | 11.90 | 4.81  | 0.00  | 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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