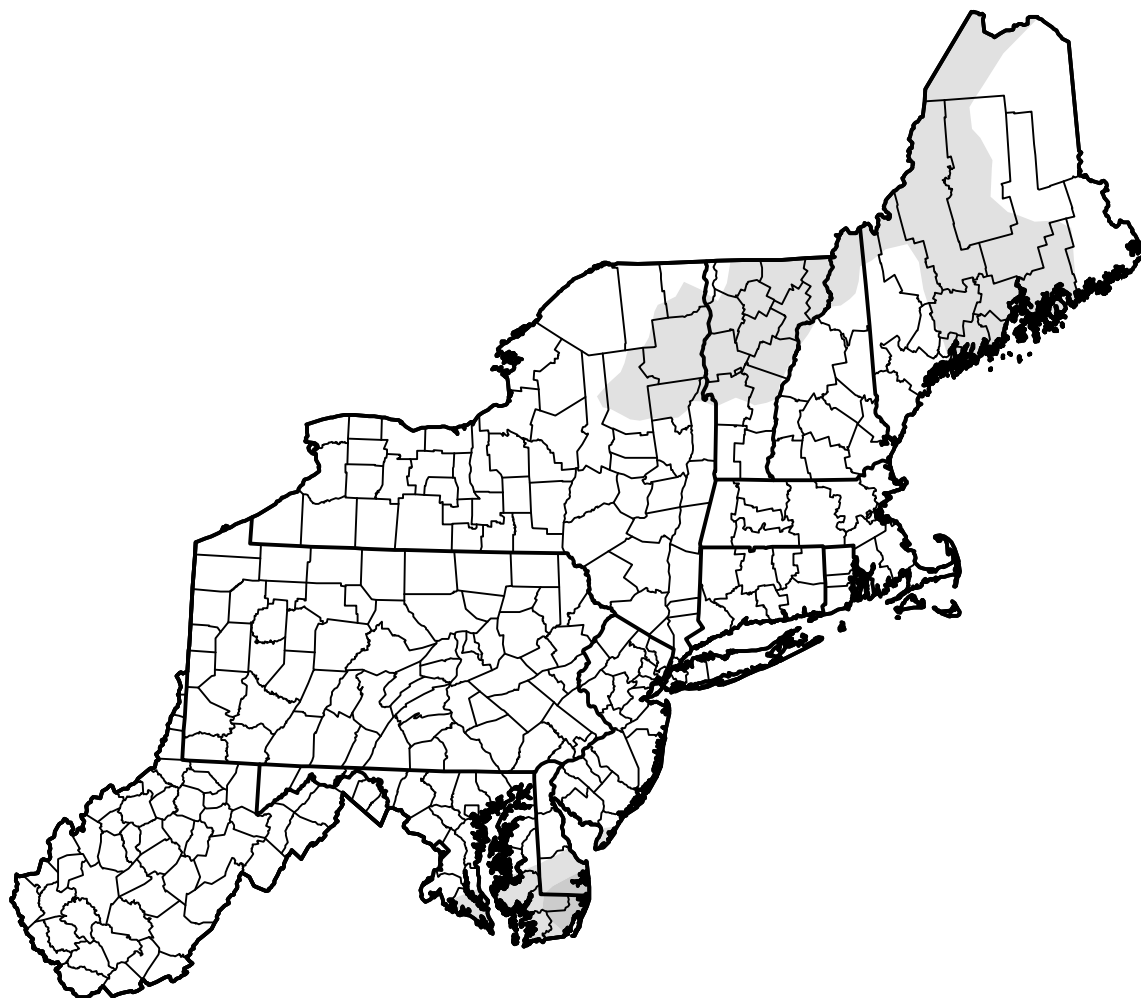


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Northeast Climate Hub

**January 31, 2012**  
(Released Thursday, Feb. 2, 2012)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None   | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 83.95  | 16.05 | 0.45  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>01-24-2012</i>              | 80.68  | 19.32 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-01-2011</i>           | 100.00 | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-03-2012</i> | 97.77  | 2.23  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2011</i>    | 97.23  | 2.77  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-01-2011</i>           | 77.77  | 22.23 | 0.79  | 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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