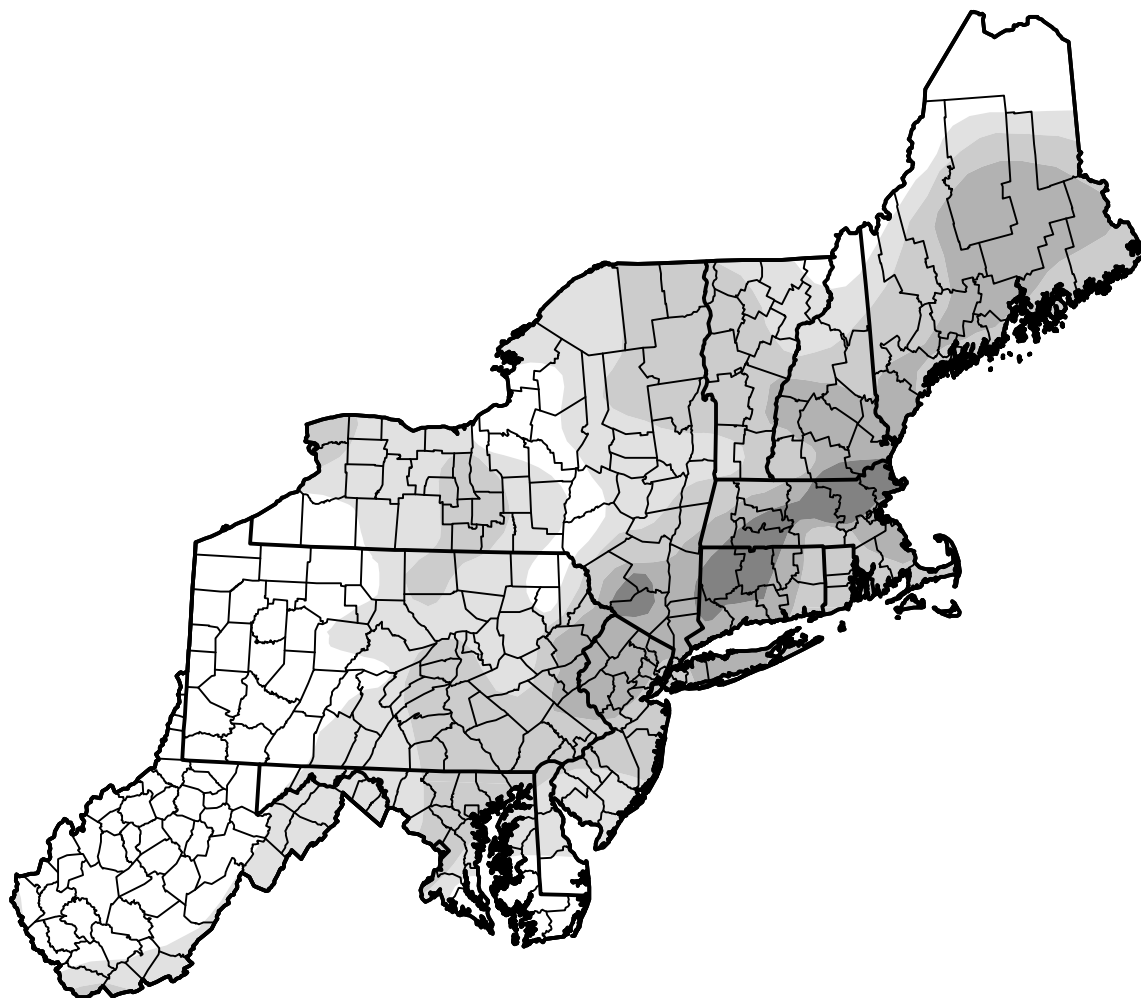


# U.S. Drought Monitor USDA Northeast Climate Hub

**December 20, 2016**  
(Released Thursday, Dec. 22, 2016)  
Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0    | D1    | D2    | D3   | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 28.82 | 26.77 | 26.99 | 14.31 | 3.11 | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>12-13-2016</i>              | 23.86 | 23.62 | 33.74 | 15.38 | 3.40 | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>09-20-2016</i>           | 31.05 | 32.31 | 20.62 | 10.55 | 5.47 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>12-29-2015</i> | 62.11 | 31.29 | 6.60  | 0.00  | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-27-2016</i>    | 21.73 | 37.98 | 20.73 | 12.89 | 6.66 | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>12-22-2015</i>           | 62.11 | 30.89 | 7.00  | 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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