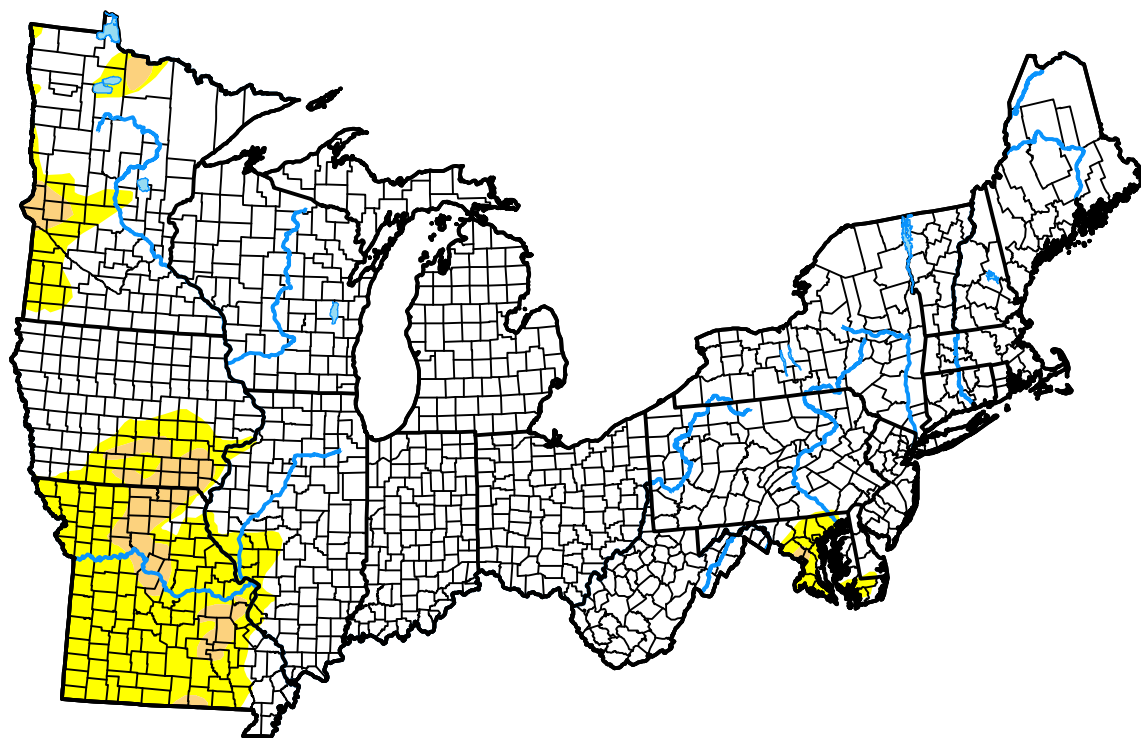


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Forests

### Climate Hub

**February 27, 2018**  
*(Released Thursday, Mar. 1, 2018)*  
 Valid 7 a.m. EST



*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

|                                                    | None  | D0-D4 | D1-D4 | D2-D4 | D3-D4 | D4   |
|----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| <b>Current</b>                                     | 84.02 | 15.98 | 3.18  | 0.00  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>02-20-2018</i>              | 77.31 | 22.69 | 9.86  | 2.44  | 0.54  | 0.00 |
| <b>3 Months Ago</b><br><i>11-28-2017</i>           | 83.99 | 16.01 | 5.27  | 1.81  | 0.00  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Calendar Year</b><br><i>01-02-2018</i> | 70.15 | 29.85 | 8.74  | 2.60  | 0.14  | 0.00 |
| <b>Start of Water Year</b><br><i>09-26-2017</i>    | 61.81 | 38.19 | 7.89  | 0.58  | 0.19  | 0.00 |
| <b>One Year Ago</b><br><i>02-28-2017</i>           | 66.80 | 33.20 | 15.34 | 2.14  | 0.21  | 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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