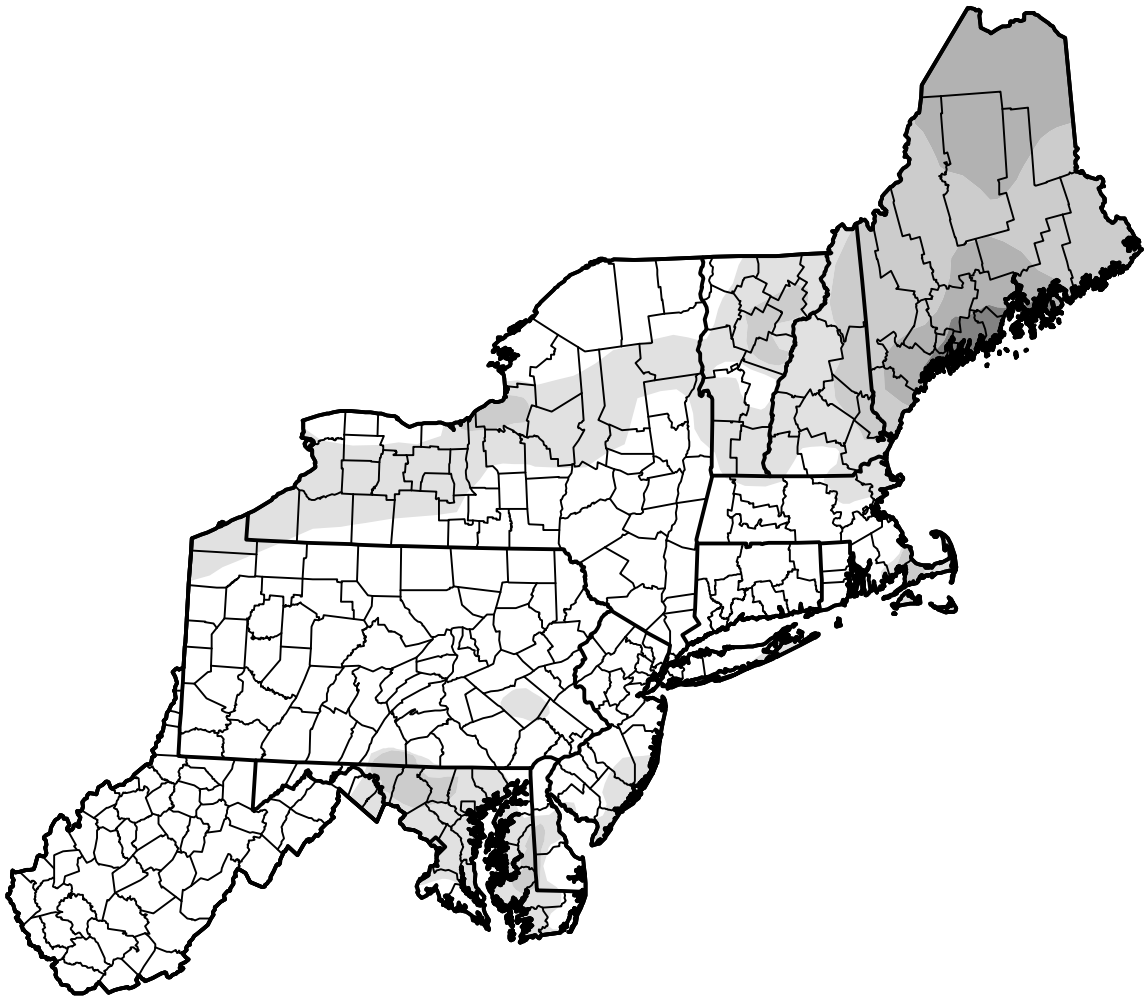
U.S. Drought Monitor

USDA Northeast Climate Hub



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	60.27	19.95	11.69	7.35	0.74	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	56.90	21.09	14.37	6.89	0.74	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	64.33	14.46	12.82	7.30	1.09	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	24.63	28.38	28.46	18.33	0.20	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	60.03	18.63	18.26	2.30	0.79	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	6.88	28.96	28.14	24.37	11.65	0.00

Intensity:

- None
- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Moderate Drought
- D2 Severe Drought
- D3 Extreme 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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