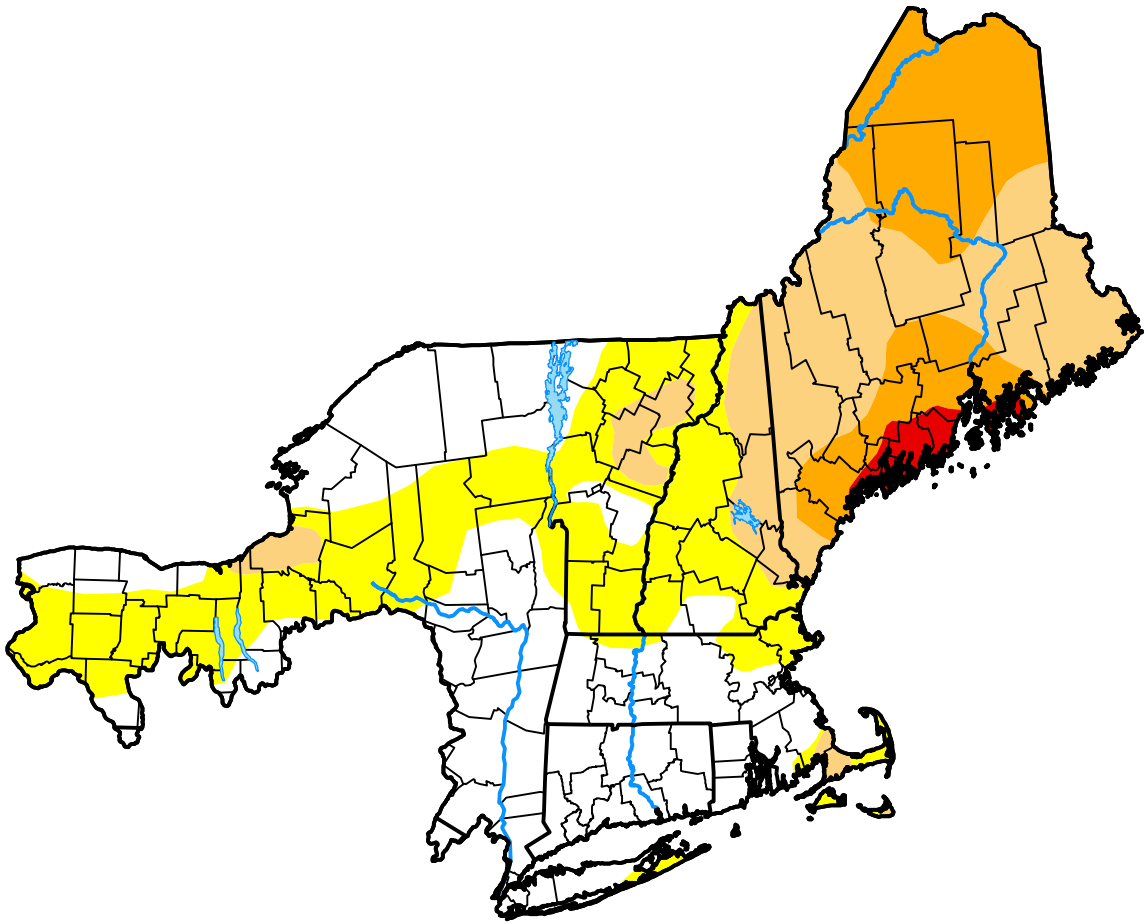
U.S. Drought Monitor

Northeast RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4
Current	35.85	27.35	20.88	14.47	1.46	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	29.72	29.11	26.16	13.56	1.46	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	69.77	13.71	13.34	3.19	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	15.81	29.47	28.81	25.53	0.39	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	35.32	25.41	33.20	4.52	1.55	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	5.71	15.40	23.60	33.72	21.57	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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