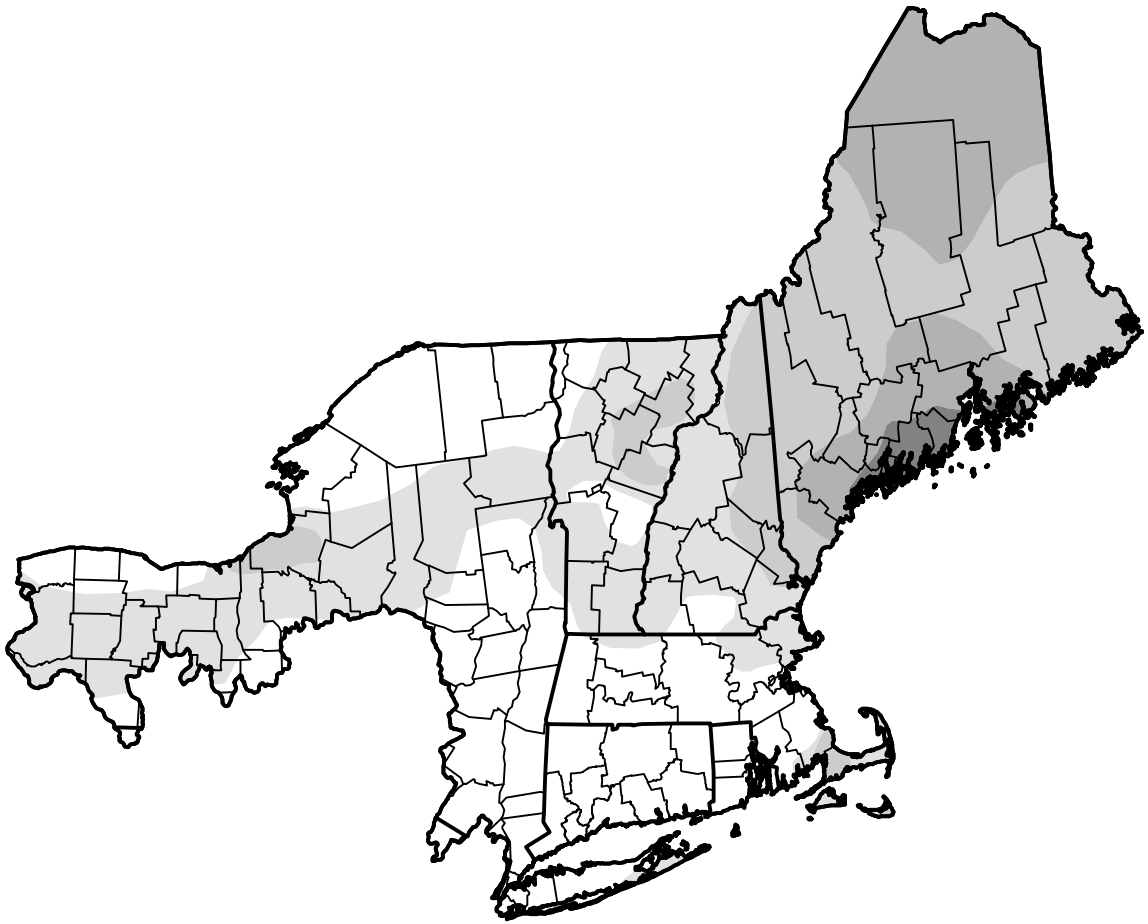
U.S. Drought Monitor

Northeast RFC



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	35.85	64.15	36.80	15.92	1.46	0.00
Last Week *10-13-2026*	29.72	70.28	41.17	15.01	1.46	0.00
3 Months Ago *07-21-2026*	69.77	30.23	16.52	3.19	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year *01-06-2026*	15.81	84.19	54.72	25.92	0.39	0.00
Start of Water Year *09-29-2026*	35.32	64.68	39.27	6.07	1.55	0.00
One Year Ago *10-21-2025*	5.71	94.29	78.89	55.30	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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