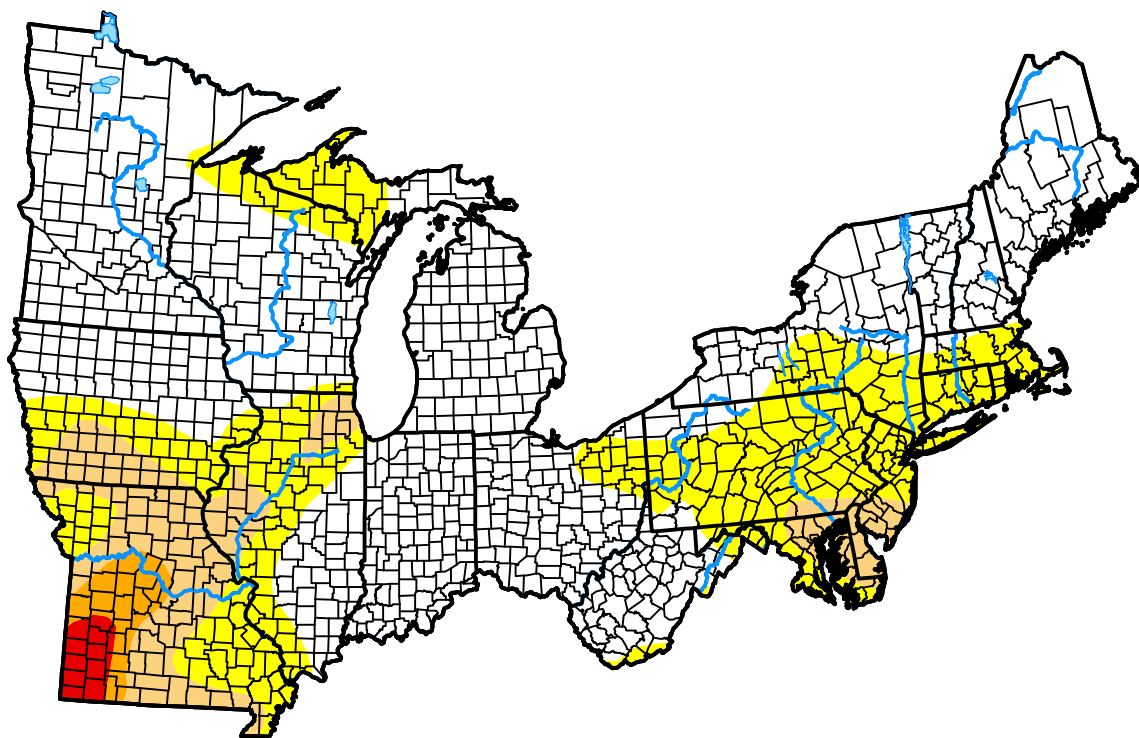


# U.S. Drought Monitor

## USDA Northern Forests Climate Hub

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*Drought Conditions (Percent Area)*

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
<b>Current</b>	63.02	36.98	12.21	2.71	0.99	0.00
<b>Last Week</b> <i>04-11-2006</i>	65.25	34.75	12.40	1.73	0.53	0.00
<b>3 Months Ago</b> <i>01-17-2006</i>	74.68	25.32	15.17	6.76	2.63	0.00
<b>Start of Calendar Year</b> <i>01-03-2006</i>	73.90	26.10	13.43	6.45	2.26	0.00
<b>Start of Water Year</b> <i>09-27-2005</i>	52.09	47.91	27.66	9.25	1.68	0.00
<b>One Year Ago</b> <i>04-19-2005</i>	78.22	21.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

**Intensity:**



*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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