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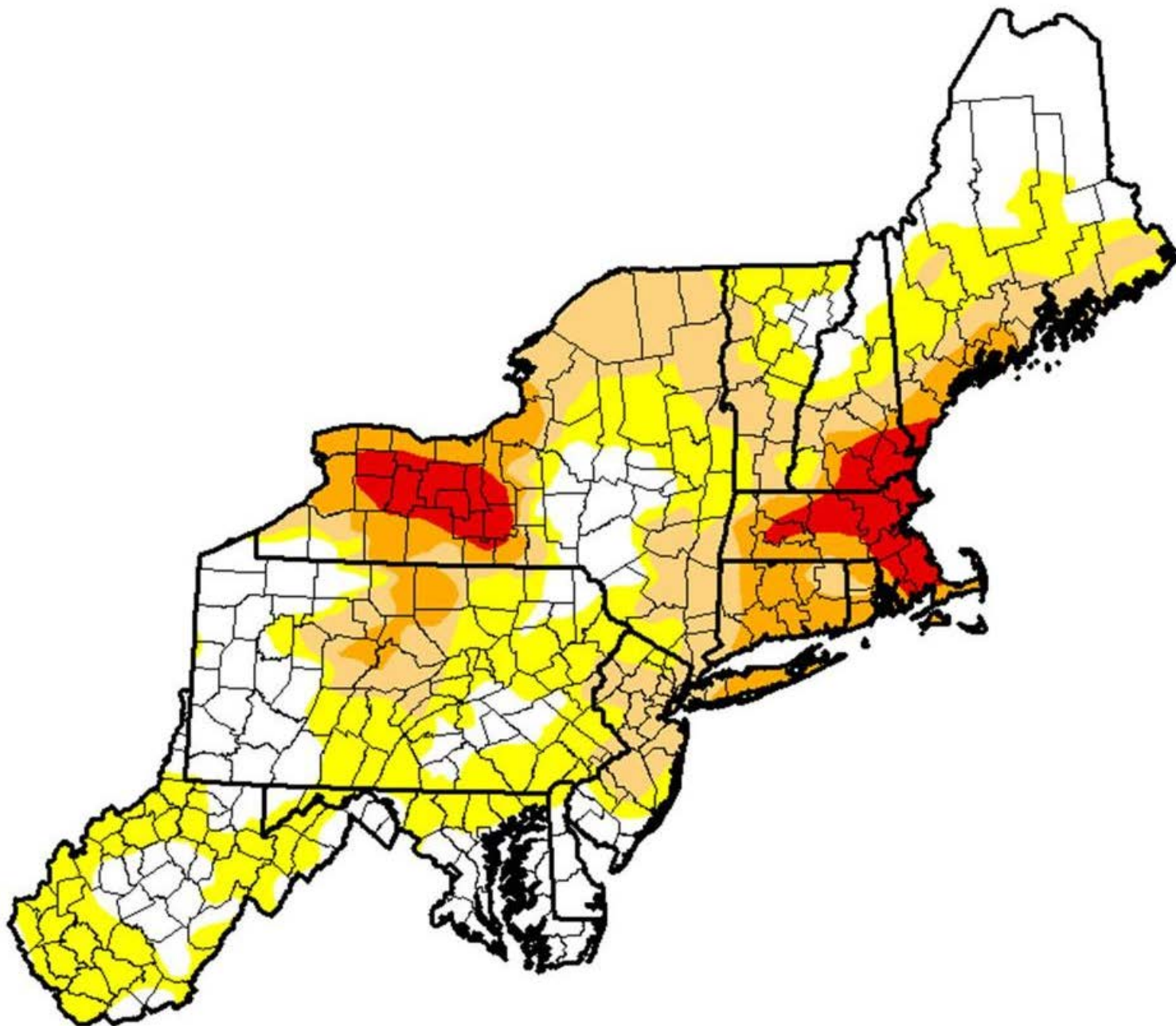
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US DROUGHT MONITOR

**Drought conditions remained the same as last week, according to the US Drought Monitor. Most of Massachusetts remains in an extreme drought.**

**By Dylan McGuinness**

The drought didn't get any worse this week, but it didn't get any better, either.

Rainstorms that passed through the state Monday helped keep the hardest-hit areas from getting even worse, according to the US Drought Monitor, a collaboration of government and university officials that maps conditions across the country.

But overall, the dry conditions in Massachusetts remained exactly the same [as last week](#).

Boston received only one-third of an inch of rain Monday — less than early forecasts had predicted — and the city's rainfall this year remains 10 inches below the normal amount of 30.94 inches, the National Weather Service said.



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But elsewhere in the state, portions of Worcester County got 3.26 inches and Sandwich received 2.98 inches, weather service meteorologist Lenore Correia said.

**Well, well, well . . . look  
what the drought's doing  
now**

“Is there enough water?” asked one DCR official. “We’re certainly recommending everyone conserve.”

### The roots of this drought go back further than you think

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The rain [did little to alleviate the drought](#).

Correia said the region would have to make up those 10 inches gradually. Otherwise, there could be floods, because the soil won’t have enough time to absorb the rain.

Monday was also the only chance for substantial rain the city will see for a while, Correia said. There’s little prospect of rain in the next week, and forecasters have said there’s [no significant relief in sight](#) through the end of November.

*Matt Rocheleau of the Globe staff contributed to this report.*



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