



INFORMATION RESOURCES FROM DROUGHT.GOV

The National Integrated Drought Information System website, drought.gov, offers a convenient source for a variety of drought-related data. Here is a sampling of links where you can find answers to these questions:

What's happening now in California?

A page devoted to **California data**, including a state-specific Drought Monitor map, updated weekly:

- >> Maps and charts of current conditions, last week's conditions and those from three months and a year ago
- >> Links to the state drought plan, climate office, and National Weather Service forecast offices in the **state and region**

What's ahead? Is there a **drought forecast**?

>> [U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)

Map shows areas where drought is likely to persist, intensify, develop, ease or retreat. Updated each quarter.

What **areas in the U.S.** are undergoing drought conditions?

>> [U.S. Drought Monitor](#)

Updated every Thursday, this map shows areas of the U.S. threatened by drought, color-coded by degree of severity, from "abnormally dry" through "exceptional drought." The map outlines areas subject to long-term and short-term drought.

>> [Palmer Drought Severity Index](#)

A weekly map showing long-term drought. It uses temperature and precipitation data to calculate water supply and demand, and incorporates soil moisture.

How does this month's **precipitation** compare to a normal month?

>> [HPRCC ACIS](#)

Map shows the percent above or below normal levels in the continental U.S.

For farmers, how wet/dry is it?

>> [Crop Moisture Index](#)

Maps weekly the moisture in crop-producing areas, identifying potential short-term agricultural droughts. Measurements range from "severely dry" to "excessively wet."

>> [Soil Moisture Index](#)

Current calculations of soil moisture compared to averages from 1916 to 2004.