

Name	U.S. Drought Portal
Capability Area: Variability/Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Climate Variability and Change - Operational Products and Services - Historical Observations (hindcasts/climatologies) - Projections (modeling and downscaling)
ECV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Surface (e.g., temp, precip, wind) - (e.g., surface water, glaciers and ice caps, land cover, biomass)
Timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Seasonal (outlook)
Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation - Climate Impacts - Historical Observations (hindcasts/climatologies) - Projections (modeling and downscaling) - Climate Adaptation - Policies and Legislation - Assessment and Evaluation
Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fresh Water Resources - Agriculture and Fisheries - Ecosystems
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ongoing
Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Fresh Water Resources and Drought
Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Central North Pacific - State Of Hawaii
Description	<p>The U.S. Drought Portal is part of the interactive system to: 1) Provide early warning about emerging and anticipated droughts; 2) Assimilate and quality control data about droughts and models; 3) Provide information about risk and impact of droughts to different agencies and stakeholders; 4) Provide information about past droughts for comparison and to understand current conditions; 5) Explain how to plan for and manage the impacts of droughts; and 6) Provide a forum for different stakeholders to discuss drought-related issues.</p>

Objectives/Outcomes	The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS) Implementation Plan outlines how to: 1) Develop the leadership and networks to implement an integrated drought monitoring and forecasting system at federal, state, and local levels; 2) Foster and support a research environment focusing on risk assessment, forecasting, and management; 3) Create an "early warning system" for drought to provide accurate, timely, and integrated information; 4) Develop interactive systems, such as the Web Portal, as part of the early warning system; and 5) Provide a framework for public awareness and education about droughts.
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Partnering Agencies	USDA, DoC, DoE, DHS, DoI, DoT
Projected Timelines	Ongoing
Feedback/Evaluation	http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought.gov/202/contact_us
Url	http://www.drought.gov/