

Name	U.S. Drought Portal
Capability Area: Variability/Changes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding Climate Variability and Change</li> <li>- Operational Products and Services</li> <li>- Historical Observations (hindcasts/climatologies)</li> <li>- Projections (modeling and downscaling)</li> </ul>
ECV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Surface (e.g., temp, precip, wind)</li> <li>- (e.g., surface water, glaciers and ice caps, land cover, biomass)</li> </ul>
Timeframe	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Seasonal (outlook)</li> </ul>
Capability Area: Impacts/Adaptations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Understanding Climate Impacts and Informing Adaptation</li> <li>- Climate Impacts</li> <li>- Historical Observations (hindcasts/climatologies)</li> <li>- Projections (modeling and downscaling)</li> <li>- Climate Adaptation</li> <li>- Policies and Legislation</li> <li>- Assessment and Evaluation</li> </ul>
Sectors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fresh Water Resources</li> <li>- Agriculture and Fisheries</li> <li>- Ecosystems</li> </ul>
Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Ongoing</li> </ul>
Focus Area	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fresh Water Resources and Drought</li> </ul>
Regions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Central North Pacific</li> <li>- State Of Hawaii</li> </ul>
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	<a href="http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought.gov/202/contact_us">http://www.drought.gov/portal/server.pt/community/drought.gov/202/contact_us</a>
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