

## Obtaining Drought Information

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The local meteorologist says we're in a drought based on the US Drought Monitor's map, but I don't see anything indicating that in my area. Or, I see drought impacts in my area but the official declaration disagrees. How can this be? This talk will start with questions from the presenter(s) to determine the information gaps felt by the audience when it comes to drought. Audience members will also be encouraged to ask questions related to where they can obtain drought-related information and how they can contribute. Resources for general drought awareness and response actions will also be shared.

Specific Questions to Ask the Audience:

- Where do you typically go for drought information...
  - To find out whether or not you're in a drought and how severe it is?
  - To learn about general drought information?
- What information would you like to have that you haven't been able to find?
- When drought information is discussed in the news (television, newspaper, Internet, etc.)...
  - Do you have questions about where the information came from?
  - Do you have concerns that your area is being misrepresented?
    - Would you like to contribute local information about drought, if given the chance?