

Obtaining Drought Information

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Goals

- Audience: leave with more resources
- Presenters: better understand audience needs for drought information

Schedule

- Post-it note activity (5 minutes)
- Review of resources (8 minutes)
- Summary & discussion of post-it notes (8 minutes)
- Group discussion (5 minutes)
- Wrap-up discussion (4 minutes)

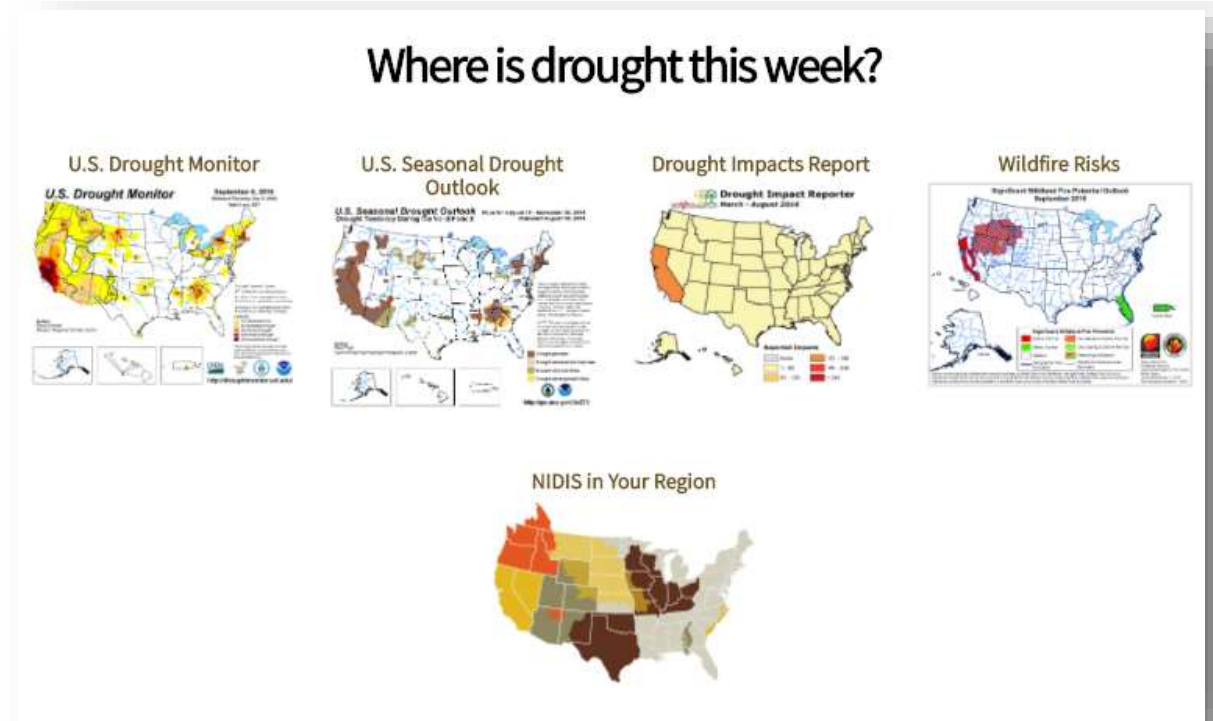
Post-it Note Activity

1. What type of drought information do you most often need?
 - Is it past, current, or forecast information?
 - What sort of questions about drought does this information help you answer?
2. Where do you typically go for drought information?
 - What information are these sites/sources missing?

Resources for Drought Information

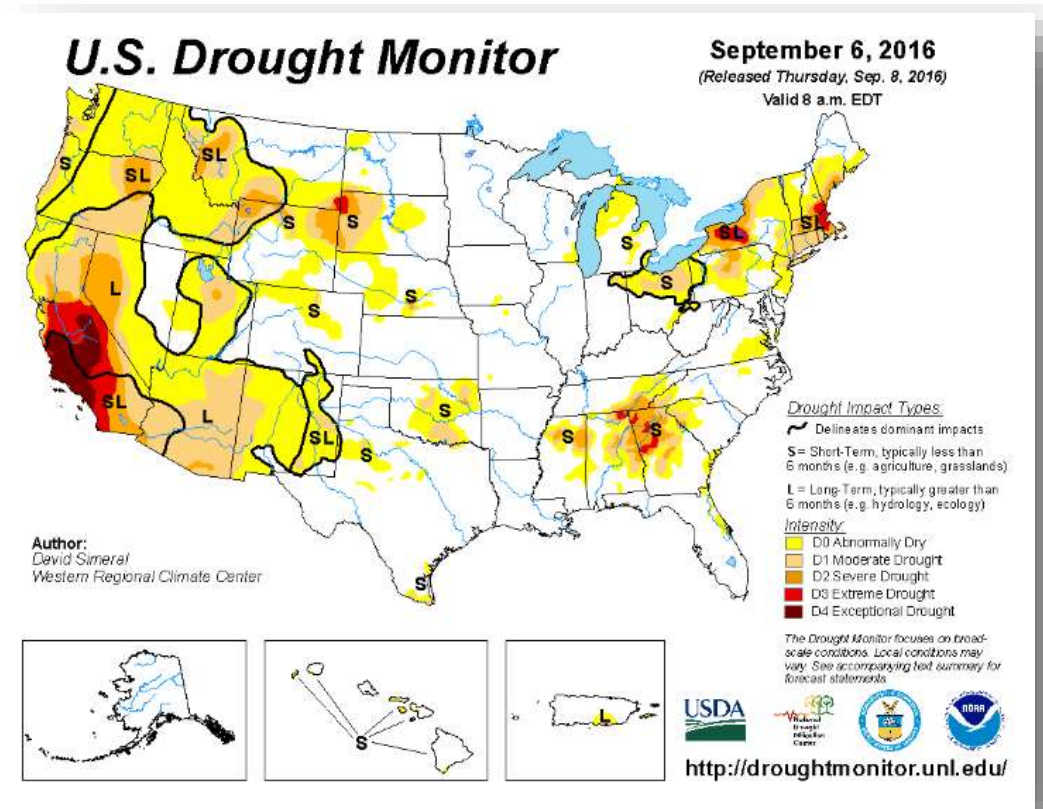
US Drought Portal

- <http://www.drought.gov>
- Summary of conditions
 - Current drought
 - Forecasted changes
 - Fire activity
- Information
 - What is a drought?
 - Tools for monitoring
- Planning
 - Guides for community readiness



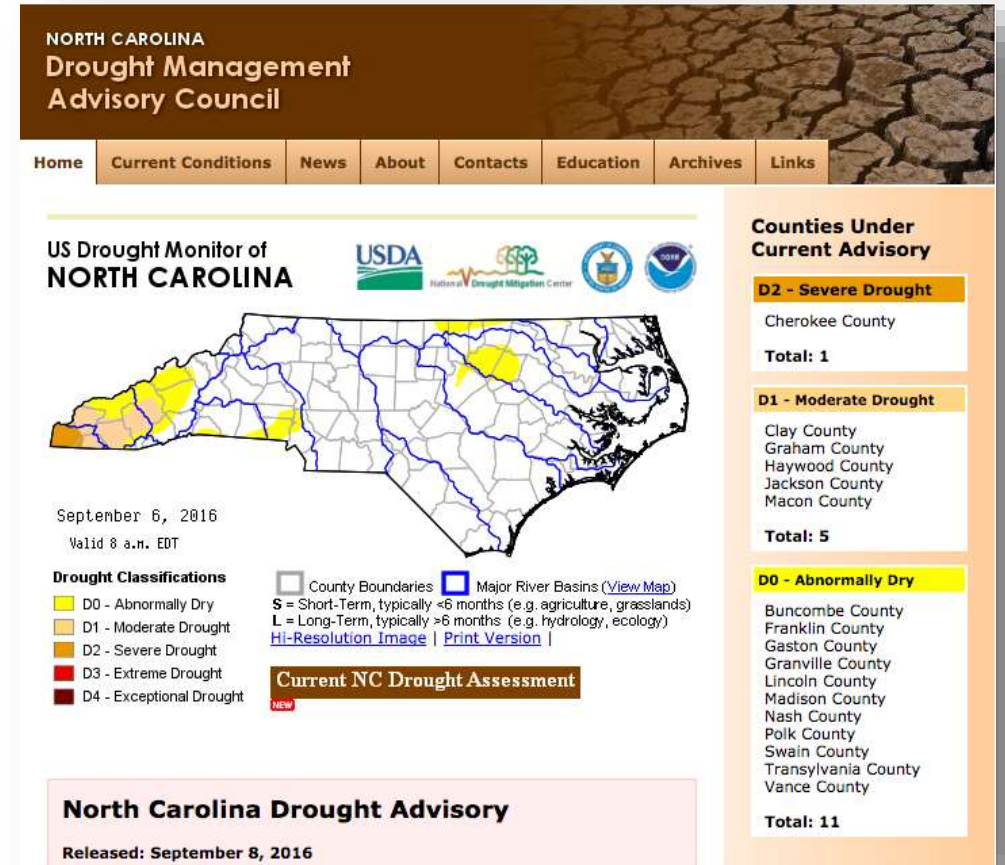
US Drought Monitor

- <http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/>
- Current drought status
- Archived maps and narratives
- Download GIS data



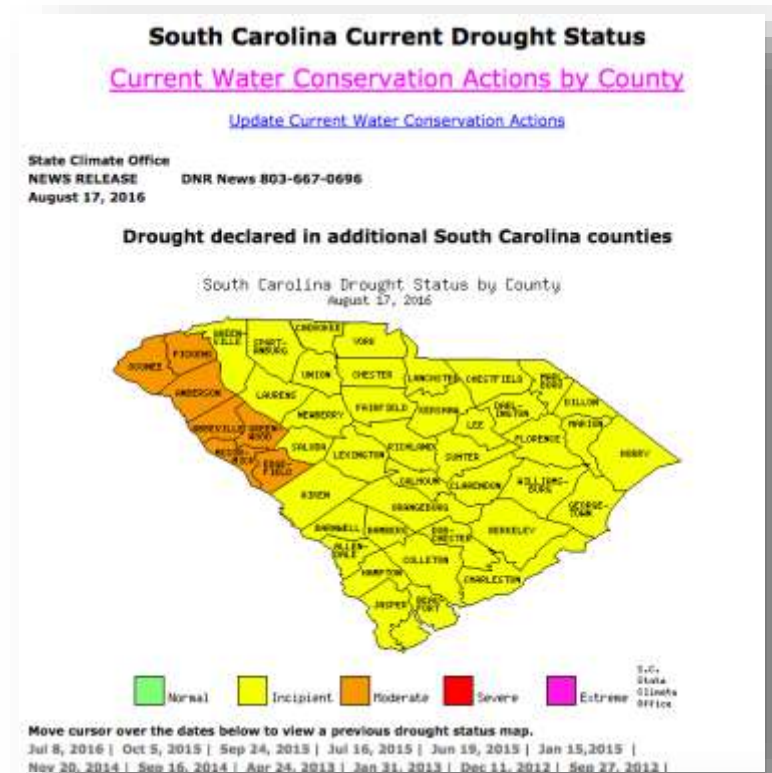
NC Drought Management Advisory Council

- <http://www.ncdrought.org>
- Current NC drought advisories (by county)
- Links to state resources for drought information



South Carolina Drought Status

- http://www.dnr.sc.gov/water/climate/sco/Drought/drought_current_info.php
- By-county drought declarations
- Links to water conservation actions



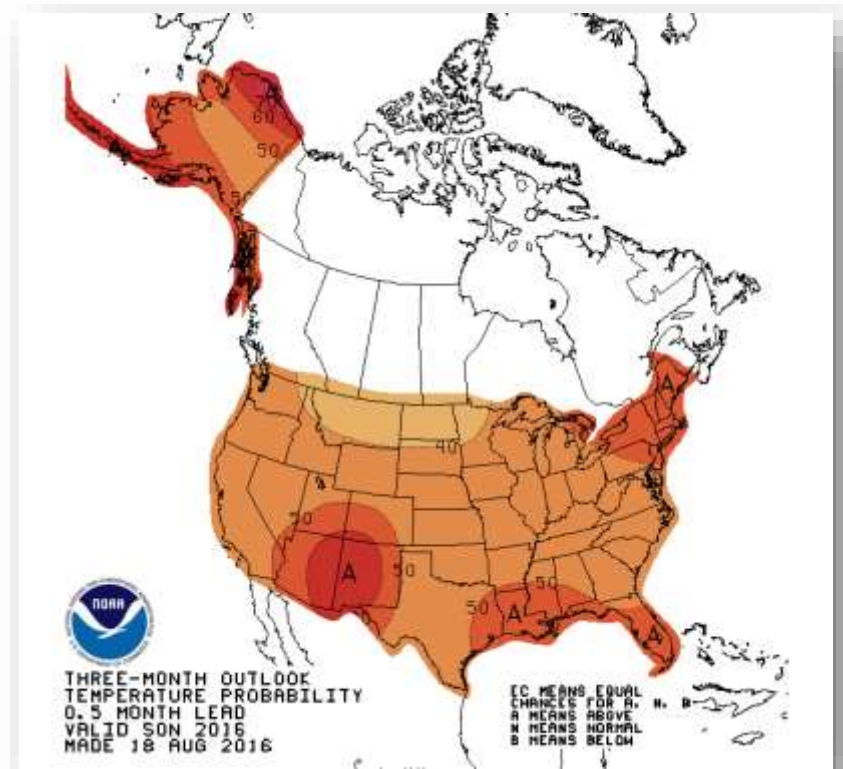
Drought Impacts and Reports

- CoCoRaHS Condition Monitoring:
<http://www.cisa.sc.edu/map/>
- USDA NASS Crop Progress Reports:
https://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/



Monthly and Seasonal Outlooks

- <http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/>
- Outlooks for temperature and precipitation
- Drought outlook
- El Niño/La Niña status



Sticky Note Summary

Discussion Prompts

- What decisions do you make that are impacted by drought information (or lack thereof)?
- What would make accessing drought information easier?
 - Format, context