Being ready for drought can reduce its effects on everything including crops and pastures, urban water supplies, individual and community health and ecosystems. The National Drought Mitigation Center helps decision-makers reduce vulnerability to drought, emphasizing monitoring, vulnerability assessment, planning and drought mitigation.

The Drought Center, based at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has expertise in climatology, geography, hydrologic engineering, anthropology, rural sociology, human dimensions, history, community and regional planning, community development, environmental education, GIS and remote sensing, journalism and information technology.

Drought Monitoring Support

We work with federal, tribal, state and academic partners, as well as networks of citizen observers to produce and enhance state-of-the-art drought monitoring and early warning products.
The National Drought Mitigation Center supports planning for all levels of decision-making.

**Individual**

The Ranch Planning dashboard provides information to support decision-making and answer drought-related questions for livestock and forage producers. It contains several features, including an interactive display of climate data and the Managing Drought Risk on the Ranch guidebook.

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**Local**

We offer a scenario planning tool to aid decision-makers, planners and emergency managers in designing drought mitigation and response strategies through structured, interactive activities. We also offer education and facilitation resources to guide communities through drought planning.

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**State and Tribal**

We encourage states and tribes to develop drought plans that emphasize reducing risk rather than responding after the fact. We maintain a current collection of state and tribal plans that deal with drought to help governments identify partners and learn best planning practices.

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**National**

We offer a national database of management strategies that have been used across the U.S. to respond to and prepare for drought. We also produce a planning eNewsletter, a quarterly magazine and monthly summaries of drought conditions and impacts across the country.

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**International**

We have worked across six continents, participating in workshops and developing global drought monitoring tools, with various international partners including the World Bank, the United Nations and the U.S. Agency for International Development.

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