



US DROUGHT MONITORING WORKSHOP

Forage and Livestock Team

Clemson University Cooperative Extension

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"Clemson Extension employs approximately 15 extension agents with primary livestock and forage responsibilities in South Carolina. Six additional agents serve multiple counties in the state and focus exclusively on forage and livestock outreach."

[Drought Mitigation Website](#)

Team Role

Interact Daily with Producers

- Provide assistance and guidance with all aspects of drought management
 - Logistics and Evaluation of supplemental feed resources
 - Herd Reduction
 - Insect/Pest management
 - Pasture recovery (re-seeding, fertility, timing, etc.)

Drought-Observations

- Most “see it coming” but rarely are proactive in management
 - Result is management shifts to reactive
 - Decisions become emotional
- Annual precipitation is essentially useless to determining operational impact
- Impact depends on what species/combinations of species being grazed as well as grazing management
- Lack of timely rainfall in certain months can be devastating for months to come

Drought-Observations

- Drought impacts can be felt for months, years...depending on severity
- General lack of understanding of drought mitigation/management tools available
- General misunderstanding of assistance triggers/thresholds/determinations
 - Added frustration of timing of payments and subsequent management of tax liabilities



THANK YOU!