



2018 AMARILLO DROUGHT WORKSHOP

U.S. Drought Monitor Training and Applications
Seasonal Forecasting Tools and Process
Agency and Producer Perspectives

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service Center
6500 Amarillo Blvd West, Amarillo TX 79106

April 5, 2018

8:30am Registration

9:00am Welcome, Introductions, and Workshop Purpose

Mark Svoboda, NDMC

David Brown, USDA

Part I: U.S. Drought Monitor Training and Applications

9:15am The history of the United States Drought Monitor

Mark Svoboda, NDMC

9:30am The making of the United States Drought Monitor: Processes and Data

Brian Fuchs, NDMC

10:00am Drought Impact Tools and Resources

Mark Svoboda, NDMC

10:15am The United States Drought Monitor LFP Tool and other Data

Brian Fuchs, NDMC

10:30am USDA use of the US Drought Monitor as a trigger for LFP, CRP, and Fast Track for Secretarial Declarations

Scotty Abbott, USDA/FSA

Ryan Pfirrmann-Powell, USDA/FSA

11:00am Open Discussion with Q&A

12:00pm Lunch (provided)

Part II: Seasonal Forecasting Tools and Process

12:45pm **Current Conditions**
Mike Gittinger, NOAA/NWS Amarillo

1:00pm **Seasonal Forecasting: Process and Products**
Stephen Bieda, NOAA/NWS Amarillo

1:30pm **Open Discussion with Q&A**

Part III: Agency and Producer Perspectives

2:00pm **USDA Agency Panel: Current Drought Responses and Resources**
Shelly Bilderback, RMA
Mark Brusberg, OCE
Gaye DeLeon, FSA
Steve Evett, ARS
Deborah Finch, FS
Clyde Jenkins, RD
Darren Richardson, NRCS

3:15pm **Open Discussion with Q&A**

4:00pm **Adjourn**