

# CONDITIONS REPORTING FOR US DROUGHT MONITOR

## Local Voices Make the Drought Monitor Stronger

Are you currently dealing with drought? Have drought conditions affected your community or agricultural operation? Submit a report to the Condition Monitoring Observer Reports system (CMOR) at [go.unl.edu/cmor\\_drought](https://go.unl.edu/cmor_drought) to help scientists understand what drought looks like where you are. The CMOR system, managed by the National Drought Mitigation Center, collects reports of local weather conditions and impacts around the country. Your report will become part of the permanent record, appearing immediately on an interactive map visible to the public, including authors of the U.S. Drought Monitor and the media. Visit [drought.unl.edu/archive/media/cmor/CMOR-intro-202404.mp4](https://drought.unl.edu/archive/media/cmor/CMOR-intro-202404.mp4) or scan the QR code for a video about the CMOR website.



CMOR reports are a very important piece of supporting evidence used in the development of the Drought Monitor each week, providing on-the-ground information to help authors better understand local conditions. Observations reported via CMOR help identify areas that might need more attention or assist with interpretation of complex weather data, particularly in moments of extreme or rapidly developing drought.

The Drought Monitor is used by the USDA to trigger disaster declarations and eligibility for low-interest loans and assistance programs. State and local decision makers also use the map to implement drought response activities.

Information incorporated in a CMOR report includes how dry or wet it is and how current conditions compare to what's typical, in the eyes of the observer. The system allows users to also note impacts on different sectors, such as crop and livestock production, municipal water supply, recreation and

public health. We encourage you to submit photos along with your reports to illustrate what conditions look like in your community.

Visit

<https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/Tools/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx> or scan the QR code to report conditions in your area.



You can submit reports as frequently as you'd like. Frequent reporting is particularly useful during times of rapid change and extreme weather, but we encourage users to participate year-round to provide an ongoing comparison of wet, dry and normal conditions.

To learn more about CMOR, in English and Spanish, and how you can become an observer, check out [go.unl.edu/cmor\\_drought](https://go.unl.edu/cmor_drought).

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