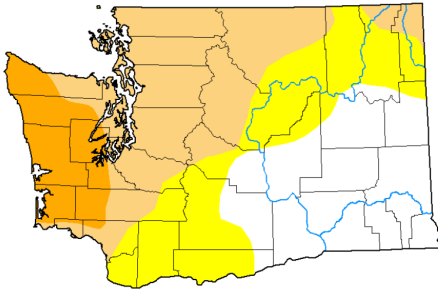


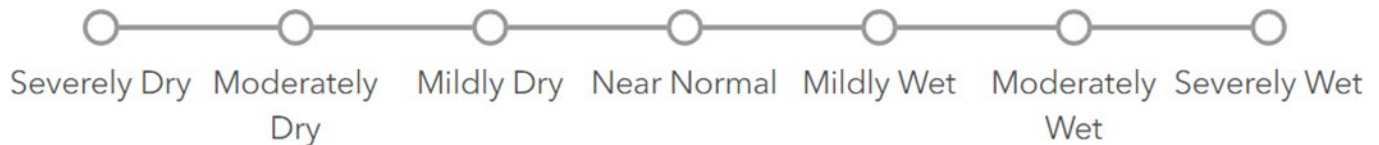
# Drought – Report the impact



## Is drought affecting you?

Washington State is working with the National Drought Mitigation Center and others to collect crowd-sourced information on the effects of drought.

**We want to know how drought is affecting you.** An online reporting form – the Drought Impact Reporter – is available for you to submit your observations.



## How reporting helps you

Washington State agencies are responsible for monitoring drought conditions and understanding if impacts are causing hardships. We will use this information to understand how drought affects you and where resources may be needed to respond to and mitigate drought impacts.

At the federal level, this data informs the U.S. Drought Monitor map. The U.S. Drought Monitor map triggers various drought responses, including USDA disaster relief and Internal Revenue Service tax provisions.



Report Your Drought Impacts

### Drought Impact Reporter

<https://droughtreporter.unl.edu/submitreport>

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## How to submit a report

Go to the current, mobile-friendly survey: <https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx> > Submit a Report.

- Use the form to pinpoint your **location**, or to let us know what county you are in, as well as the **date** of your observation or photo.
- **How dry or wet is it?** Pick from seven levels, ranging from severely dry to severely wet. Short descriptions on the survey may help you pick a level.
- What if any **impacts** of drought are you experiencing? Click on any categories that are relevant to you to see a list of potential impacts, and check any that you have experienced. For example, if drought is affecting your crop yield, click on “Report crop production impact” to show the list of related impacts, and then choose “Reduced yield.”
- **Upload a photo** (optional). By uploading the photo, you agree that it may be used and shared for educational and management purposes. A photo of the same spot submitted once a season or once a month would help build up a consistent set of observations, so that we can contrast drought with normal or wet conditions.
- Provide any additional **description** or caption information.
- Provide **contact information** (optional), which will not appear on the web, but could be helpful if we need to follow-up: your name, organization and email.

## What happens to your reports?

Condition monitoring reports appear on a map that initially displays the dry-wet category that the observer chose on the seven-point scale. Separate tabs for each category or sector display any impacts reported so you can filter by a single impact, such as crop loss. Another tab highlights reports that include photos. Photos may take a few days to appear. Both the report form and the mapped archive of condition monitoring reports from 2018 are accessible via <https://droughtimpacts.unl.edu/ConditionMonitoringObservations.aspx>.

## How often should you report?

We recommend that you submit a photo each month or each season. This provides an ongoing comparison of wet, dry and normal conditions. Of course, we also welcome more frequent submissions. In the long term, we would like to build an online atlas of landscape photos over time, showing what a given place looks like in wet, dry and normal conditions at all times of year.

## Categories (Sectors) and Impacts

### Crop production

Decrease in water allocation  
Reduced yield  
Plant stress  
Added well, dam, pipe, etc.  
Increased irrigation

### Livestock production

Reduced pasture, forage  
Decreased stock weights  
Hauled water

### Domestic or municipal water supply

Voluntary conservation  
Mandatory conservation  
Low or dry well  
Moving pumps, intakes

### Habitat for wildlife or fish

Terrestrial habitat changes  
Wildlife disease or mortality  
Wildlife foraging near people  
Fish disease or mortality  
Reduced fishery production

### Recreation & tourism

Reduced sales, permitting, visits, etc.  
Water receding from access  
Less-appealing landscape  
Ski season shorter  
Hunting, fishing site change

### Other business & industry

Landscaping business down  
Lawnmower etc. sales down  
More golf course irrigation

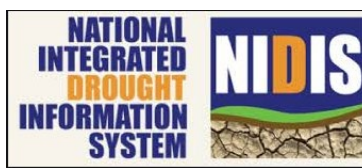
### Public & community health

Air quality, dust  
Stress  
People relocating

### Fire

More fires than usual  
More intense fires  
Poor air quality  
Property damage  
Park or road closure  
Burn or fireworks bans

From all of us, thank you for submitting your observations.



### ADA accommodations

To request ADA accommodation including materials in a format for the visually impaired, call Ecology at 360-407-6872 or visit <https://ecology.wa.gov/accessibility>. People with impaired hearing may call Washington Relay Service at 711. People with speech disability may call TTY at 877-833-6341.