

How do you submit a report?

- If you are using the app on a mobile device with location enabled, it should pinpoint your location automatically. For less precision, enter the name of the nearest city or county, or the island and local jurisdiction, in the map widget search window.
- From a desktop computer, if location is enabled, use the compass icon on the map widget to pinpoint your location, or enter the name of the nearest city or county, in the map widget search window.
- Provide the date.
- How dry or wet is it? Pick from seven levels, ranging from severely dry to severely wet. Your answer to this question will be the first way that people see your report on a map.



- The questions related to your years of experience help us frame your observations as “1 in 10” or “1 in 20,” which is how the U.S. Drought Monitor categorizes extremes.
- Click on the triangle to expand “Report normal or wet conditions” to submit observations during non-drought times. This helps develop a basis for comparison with drought conditions.

Report normal or wet conditions

Conditions are not in drought. Please use the checkboxes to describe the conditions you are observing.

- Normal conditions for this time of year
- More green than usual for this time of year
- More standing or flowing water than usual for this time of year
- Increased moisture or humidity
- Groundwater wells above normal static level
- Soil moisture is adequate to good
- Non-irrigated crops or pastures are doing well
- Lawn and garden watering is not necessary
- Low fire danger
- Abundant insects or water-loving wildlife
- Fisheries in good condition

Your role

Please choose one or more observer types to help us understand your perspective.

- Extension or Farm Service Agency (FSA)
- Farmer or livestock producer
- Water supplier
- Homeowner
- Natural or water resources professional
- Field worker
- Climate or weather professional
- Outdoor enthusiast
- Other

Display Name

A display name will let users of this information see whether multiple reports are from a single individual. Especially if you submit reports consistently over time, this helps you build a credible track record.

You can use your real name, come up with a descriptive username such as "NDRancher07," or use a random string of letters and numbers. If you forget your display name, you can zoom in on the map to find your previous report and see what you used. If the drought center uses one of your photos, we may use your display name as attribution, i.e., "Photo by HappyRancher42 via CMOR."

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- What impacts of drought are you experiencing? Click on the triangle for a category or sector to expand a list of potential impacts and check any that you have experienced.
- You can upload up to five photos. If you are showing drought conditions, please consider uploading a “before” photo taken during normal conditions, to provide context. If you upload a photo, you as the copyright holder agree that it may be used by the National Drought Mitigation Center, and shared with and by government and academic partners, for drought monitoring, management, and education. Your photo will become part of a permanent public archive. The drought center reserves the right to remove objectionable content.
- Check the box that best describes your role: Extension, agricultural producer, water supplier, homeowner, climate or weather professional, outdoor enthusiast, or other (fill in the blank).
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Please provide your name and email address for the benefit of people assessing drought in an official capacity. This information will not appear on public-facing maps, but we may contact you for follow-up information.