

# MANAGING DROUGHT

## IN THE SOUTHERN PLAINS

You are invited to join us in a bi-weekly webinar (web-based seminar) series to discuss drought conditions, impacts and resources available to help manage drought in the Southern Plains. **The first webinar will be held on Thursday, September 29 at 11:00 a.m. Central Time. Thereafter, webinars will be held on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays, also at 11:00 a.m. Central Time.** The content is geared toward a general audience – anyone who has responsibility to manage or assist others in managing drought and its related impacts.

If you would like to join in these webinars, you need to register via the SCIPP website: <http://www.southernclimate.org> or e-mail [scipp@mesonet.org](mailto:scipp@mesonet.org). Registration is free but limited to 100 participants, so please register early. Each webinar will last about 20 minutes, plus additional time for questions. You will be provided with a link to the webinar and a toll-free phone line to call in.

Each webinar will include an overview of the current drought assessment and outlook, summary of impacts across the region, and a topic or resource, such as La Niña or wildfire conditions. You will have an opportunity to suggest topics for following webinars. The primary focus is in the states most heavily impacted from the current drought - Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico – but participation from surrounding states is encouraged.

The webinar series is sponsored by a partnership of the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Drought Mitigation Center, Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program, Climate Assessment for the Southwest, and the region's State Climatologists. Alternating Thursdays will feature a companion media-oriented briefing, sponsored by the National Weather Service, NOAA and NIDIS.

Information from the webinars will be posted on a website linked through <http://www.southernclimate.org> and summarized in an online newsletter, Drought Tracker. Please pass on this announcement to relative organizations or groups that are involved in managing or monitoring drought and its related impacts.

To register or for more information, contact:

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### Webinar Topics:

- La Niña
- Cattle & Livestock
- U.S. Drought Monitor
- Ecological Impacts
- Assistance Programs
- Water Supply
- Ranch Drought Planning
- Wildfire
- Drought Ready Communities
- Agricultural Impacts

