



## Special Drought Webinar for West Virginia and Ohio

*Co-Hosted by NOAA's National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), the Northeast Regional Climate Center, and NOAA's National Centers for Environmental Information (NCEI)*

**September 27, 2024**

**11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. EDT**

**Register here:**

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*[Please Note: This meeting is open to the press.]*

### **Objectives**

To deliver timely and relevant drought information on the history, current conditions, outlooks, and impacts of the drought across West Virginia, Ohio, and surrounding states, as well as existing Federal and state resources available to help communities cope with the impacts of drought.

### **11:00 - 11:10 a.m. Welcome and Opening Remarks**

### **11:10 - 11:45 a.m. Current Drought Conditions and Outlooks for Fall 2024:**

*How did we get here? Trends, forecasts, and outlooks*

- Summary of Recent Conditions: How did this drought evolve? (Brad Rippey, U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- Monitoring Current Conditions (Samantha Borisoff, Northeast Regional Climate Center)
- Seasonal Outlooks: What will the fall and winter look like? (Brad Pugh, NWS/Climate Prediction Center)
- Outlooks for the Fall Fire Season (Stephen Marien, National Interagency Wildland Fire Center)
- Q&A (10min)

**11:45 a.m. - 12:20 p.m. Drought Impacts: *Discussion of impacts, responses, and strategies for resilience***

- Overview of Drought Impacts (Nick Webb, Charleston National Weather Service Office)
- Agricultural Impacts in West Virginia (Brad Rippey, U.S. Department of Agriculture)
- Drought Impacts Across Ohio (Aaron Wilson, Ohio State Climatologist)
- Water Supply Issues (Bre Barto, Ohio Rural Water Association)
- Ecological Impacts (Erin Lane, USDA Northeast Climate Hub)
- Q&A (10 min)

**12:20 - 12:55 p.m. State and Federal Government Resources**

- State of West Virginia Emergency Management Division (Matthew Blackwood)
- State of Ohio Department of Agriculture (Director Brian Baldrige and Robert Hamilton)
- FEMA Region 3 Resources (Bill Kuhn)
- EPA Region 3 Resources (Patti-Kay Wisniewski)
- USDA FSA/Disaster Assistance Programs (Kelly DeLucy)
- Small Business Administration (Eric Wall)
- Q&A (5 min)

**12:55 - 1:00 p.m. Next Steps and Closing Remarks**