

# MISSOURI DROUGHT RESOURCES

**Drought:** a period of little to no precipitation having an adverse effect on crops, farmland, the economy, livestock, and humans.



Severe drought conditions continue across most of northern Missouri. Farmers may experience a decrease in crop production, feed, and other agricultural products, causing significant financial and lifestyle stress. Drought affected farmers, ranchers, and their families may experience psychological and behavioral health changes, financial hardships, stress, or strain on interpersonal relationships.

Missourians affected by drought conditions are encouraged to utilize the resources listed below.

## **Missouri Department of Mental Health (DMH)**

- Community Mental Health Centers (CMHC's) –see attachment
- Access Crisis Intervention (ACI) Hotline Numbers <http://dmh.mo.gov/mentalillness/progs/acinumbers.htm>
- Printable fact sheets for people coping with drought-related stress-see attachment
- Other resources on drought and economic stress developed by various entities  
<http://dmh.mo.gov/docs/disaster/DROUGHT%20AND%20ECONOMIC%20STRESS%20RESOURCE%20LIST.pdf>

## **United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)**

- Updated map and list of designated drought disaster counties  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=DISASTER\\_ASSISTANCE](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=DISASTER_ASSISTANCE)
- May provide financial and technical assistance to help crop and livestock producers cope with drought:
  - Missouri's local Farm Service Agencies (FSA's)  
<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=mo&agency=fsa>
- Information on drought programs and available assistance  
[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=usda\\_drought\\_programs.html](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?contentidonly=true&contentid=usda_drought_programs.html)

## **United Way 2-1-1 Missouri**

- Information and referral network connecting Missourians to known resources and agencies in their area  
<http://www.211helps.org/>

## **University of Missouri Extensions**

- Resources, information, and updates available via Facebook  
<https://www.facebook.com/MUExtension>
- Works directly with farmers to help them manage livestock resources including nitrate testing and feeding recommendation of drought impacted feed, agricultural crop recommendations, and farm financial management.
- Works directly with families to help them learn to address family financial management considerations, housing issues, nutrition and health, stress and interpersonal relationships. <http://extension.missouri.edu/directory/Places.aspx>