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Southeast Drought Early Warning System August 9, 2022







- Feedback from stakeholders
- Apply tools and methodology used for the Monthly Drought Outlook to implement the ability of a rapid onset drought forecast to the Week-2 hazards, when conditions warrant
- Improve communication of the risk throughout the month
- CPC's major role in Decisions Support Services (DSS): Week-2 hazards (Daily briefing, HQ briefing, and Email to Regions when necessary)





Inputs to Rapid Onset Drought Risk Tool



- Initial conditions: soil moisture and also consider two to four week precipitation deficits, EDDI, etc
- Week-1: NDFD positive temperature anomalies and 7-day Weather Prediction Center (WPC) negative precipitation anomalies
- Week-2: CPC's 8-14 day temperature (elevated probabilities of above) and precipitation (elevated probabilities of below) outlook



Experimental

Flash Drought Risk

Released: February 23, 2022 Valid: March 3 - 9, 2022











USDM: June 14 to July 5, 2022



U.S. Drought Monitor Southeast

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High Impact Rapid Onset Drought: Southern Plains and Ozarks Region











U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook Drought Tendency During the Valid Period

Valid for July 21 - October 31, 2022 Released July 21

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Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Use caution for applications that can be affected by short lived events. "Ongoing" drought areas are based on the U.S. Drought Monitor areas (intensities of D1 to D4).

NOTE: The tan areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels by the end of the period, although drought will remain. The green areas imply drought removal by the end of the period (D0 or none).

Drought persists

Drought remains but improves

Drought removal likely

Drought development likely



http://go.usa.gov/3eZ73



Seasonal Drought Outlook: Tools



- Climatology (dry/wet season: more applicable for Great Plains and West)
- ENSO Composites
- Weeks 1 and 2 temperature and precipitation
- Weeks 3-4 outlooks
- Monthly and Seasonal temperature and precipitation





CPC-NIDIS Project: Developing Probabilistic Drought Outlooks (DOs)



– DO Products: Flash drought DO, monthly DO and seasonal DOs

	Flash drought	Monthly DO	Seasonal DOs
Lead time	2-5 weeks	1 month	2-6 months
Production frequency	weekly	weekly/monthly	monthly
Input dynamical forecasts	Subseasonal (e.g., GEFSv12, ECMWF, CFSv2)		Seasonal (e.g., NMME)
Forecast drought anomalies	Flash drought only	Short-term drought, long-term drought, all drought conditions	

- Timeline

- > Years 1-2: Seasonal DOs
- > Years 3-5: Flash drought DO, monthly DO





A Schematic for Probabilistic DO Production





Impact-based Decision Support Services (IDSS)











Week-2 Rapid Onset Drought hazard and Monthly and Seasonal Drought Outlooks:

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Thank You!

Any Questions?

