

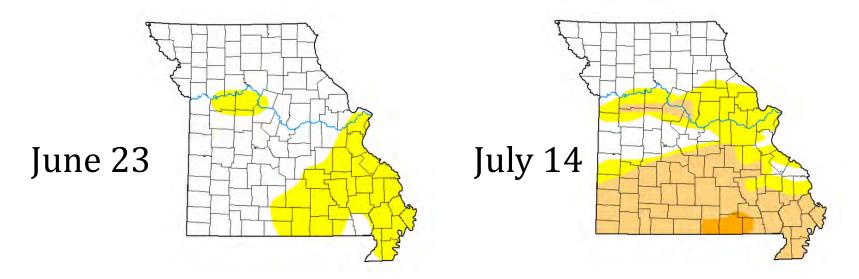
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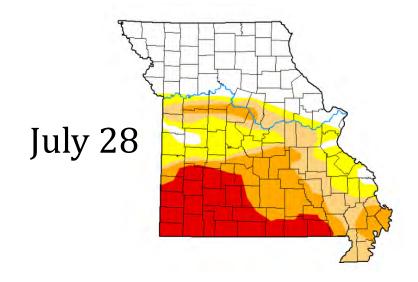
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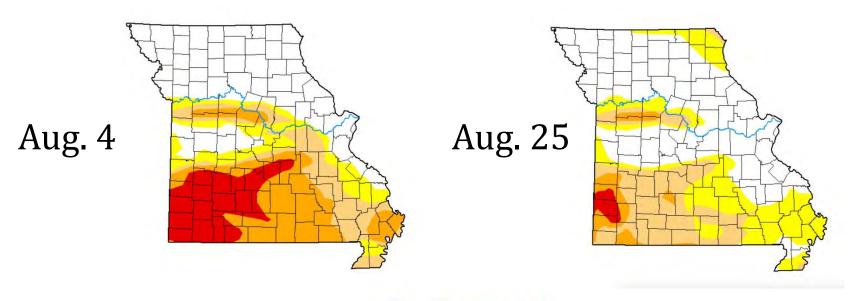
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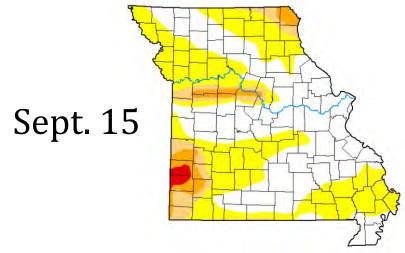






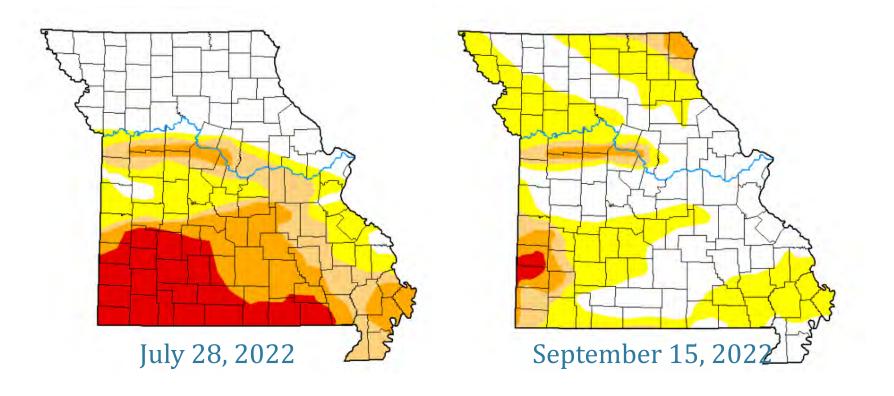
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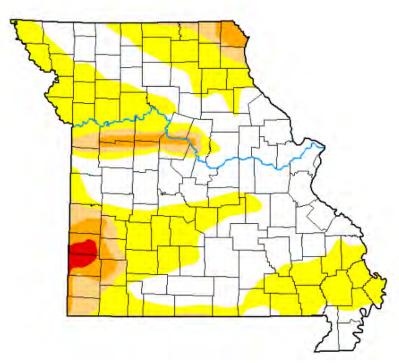


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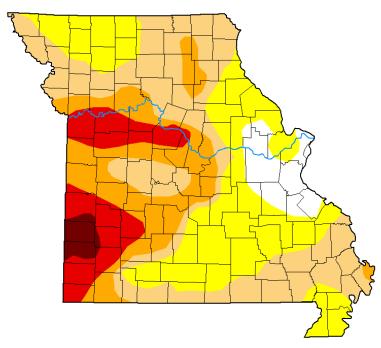




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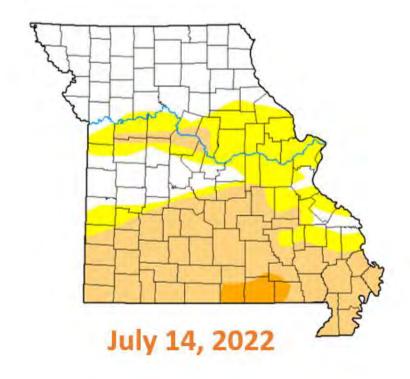


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The Role of Using All Available Information — CMOR







D1: Moderate Drought Impacts?

- Topsoil is dry; corn yield is small; pastures are not growing; crops are stressed
- Urban watering is extensive
- Fire threat increases; burn bans begin
- Pond and river levels decline







"The photos above were taken one year apart at the same pond (July 21, [2021] & [July18, 2022]). The only living green thing left on that farm is ragweed, and it is extremely wilted. The herd on this farm is now on full hay and has been for ten days, and this farm is understocked. (27 adults, 8 yearlings, and 10 nursing calves on 125 acres.)"

McDonald County, MO



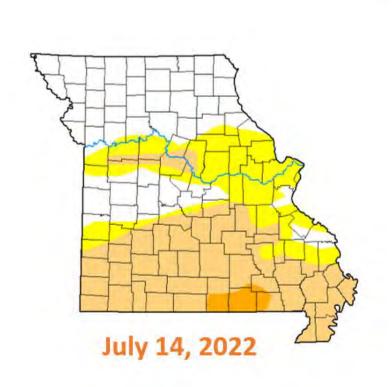


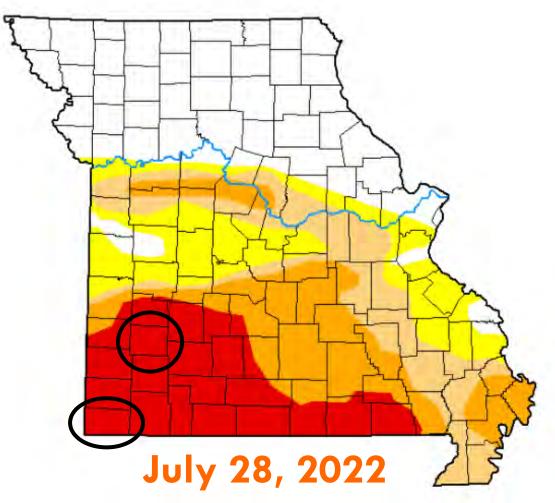
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Photos Submitted by Same Reporter in Dade County, MO

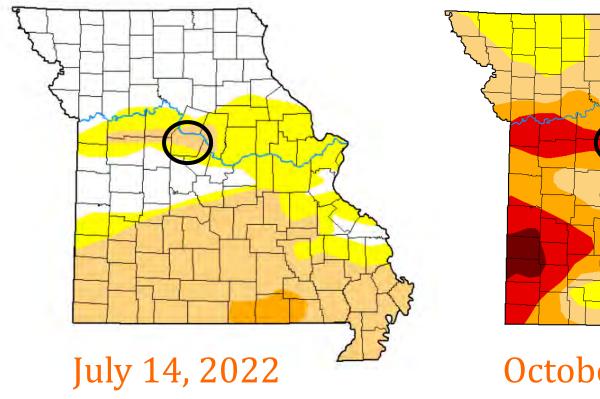


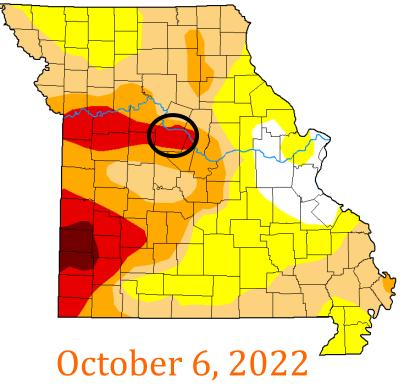






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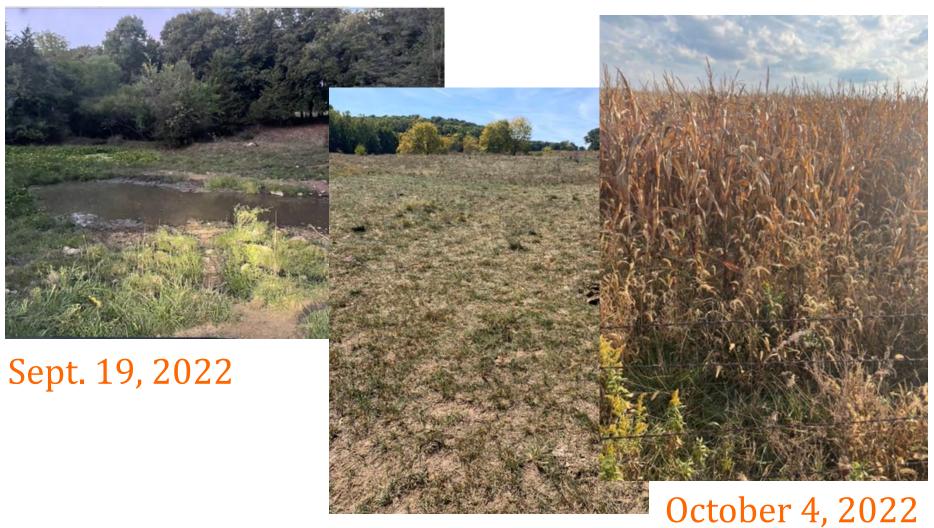


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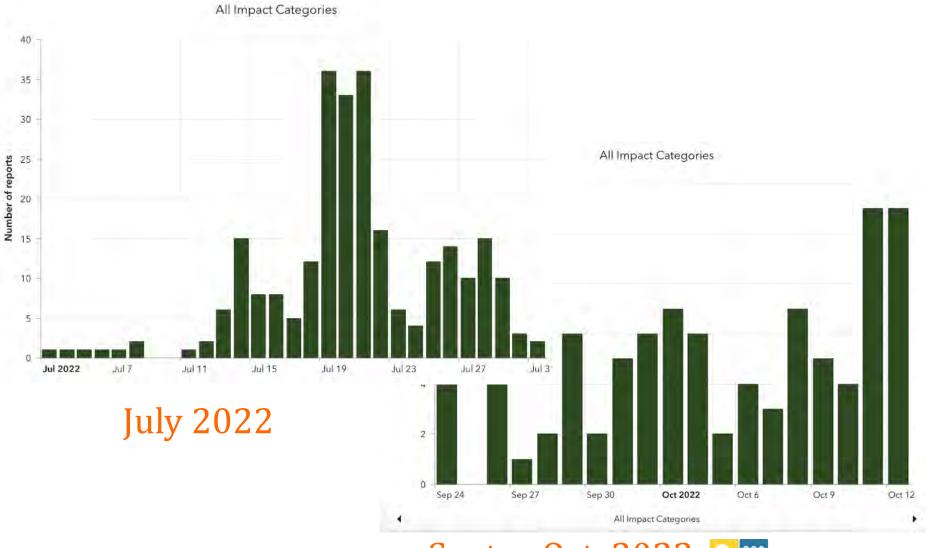
How Do We Encourage Reports?

- It's a Team Effort!
 - State Climatologist
 - University of Missouri & MU Extension
 - Missouri Department of Health
 - Missouri DNR
 - Missouri Department of Agriculture
 - Missouri State Emergency Agency
 - Drought Assessment Committee
 - Impact Team(s)

dnr.mo.gov/drought



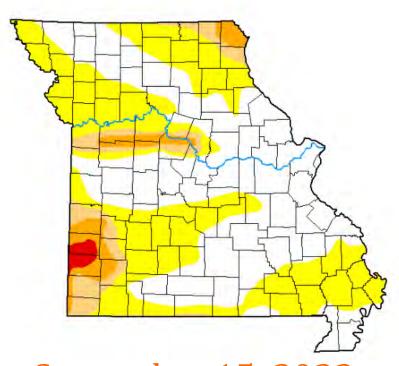
Encouraging Reports Produces Results



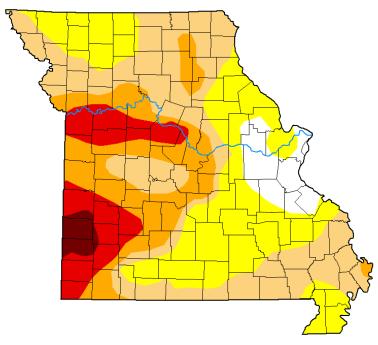
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Ongoing and Emerging Impacts

- Reduced Yields/Toxins
- Continuing Impacts to Livestock Forage
- Groundwater Availability Impacts Emerging
- Navigation Barge Groundings
- Missouri River Contribution to the Mississippi River

Barges grounded by low water halt Mississippi River traffic

The unusually low water level in the lower Mississippi River is causing barges to get stuck in the mud and sand

By JIM SALTER Associated Press October 5, 2022, 7:41 PM

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Some Final Thoughts

Could This Be Missouri's First Multi-Year Drought in Several Decades?

If So, How Does Our Response/Mitigation Change in 2023?



