

For: State and County Offices

Accessing U. S. Drought Monitor Data Tables for Emergency Haying and Grazing

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1 County Office Requests for Emergency Haying and Grazing

A Background

2-CRP, subparagraph 691 G provides instructions for COC’s to access the U. S. Drought Monitor State map to determine county eligibility for emergency haying and grazing. However, the U. S. Drought Monitor maintains a GIS data table on their web site that simplifies determining if a county has reached a specific drought level.

B Purpose

This notice provides simplified instructions for COC’s to access the local U.S. Drought Monitor data table for determining if a county has reached a specific drought level.

C COC Action

COC’s requesting emergency haying or grazing shall access the Drought Monitor Data Downloads Screen at http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/dmshps_archive.htm. In the center of the screen is a data table. The following is an example of the data table. Each line of the table corresponds to the date of the weekly Drought Monitor Map.

Date	KMZ	Shapefiles	GML	WMS	Statistics		
2011-08-02	KMZ	SHP Impacts	GML	WMS	U.S.	State	County
2011-07-26	KMZ	SHP Impacts	GML	WMS	U.S.	State	County

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C COC Action (Continued)

For the applicable week, COC’s shall CLICK “**County**” in the “Statistics” column on the table. A spreadsheet will be displayed that lists all States and counties in alphabetical order. The following is an example.

Week	FIPS	County	State	Nothing	D0	D1	D2	D3	D4	ValidStart	ValidEnd
20110802	1001	Autauga County	AL	0	100	100	61.82	0	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08
20110802	1003	Baldwin County	AL	0	100	100	97.66	0	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08
20110802	1005	Barbour County	AL	0	100	100	95.06	60.64	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08
20110802	1007	Bibb County	AL	0	100	100	100	0	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08
20110802	1009	Blount County	AL	100	0	0	0	0	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08
20110802	1011	Bullock County	AL	0	100	100	100	0.07	0	2011-08-02	2011-08-08

Scroll down the table to the appropriate State and county. The data within each drought category column represent the percent of the county at each drought level.

Example: Barbour County, Alabama, has:

- 100 percent of the county > “D0” condition
- 100 percent of the county at “D1” or “D0” condition
- 95.06 percent of the county at “D2”, “D1”, or “D0” condition
- 60.64 percent of the county at “D3”, “D2”, “D1”, or “D0” condition
- 0 percent of the county at “D4” condition.

IF a county has a value in the...	THEN the county is eligible for STC approval of emergency...
“D2” column	grazing.
“D3” or “D4” column	haying and grazing.