



National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS)
Midwest Drought Early Warning System (DEWS)
Regional Workshops
Champaign, Illinois

December 5, 2016

- 12:15 - 1:00 Sign in
- 1:00 - 1:20 Introductions
Tonya Bernadt, NDMC
- 1:20 – 1:50 Current Drought Conditions & Climate Outlook
Historical Drought Overview
Jim Angel, IL State Climatologist
- 1:50 – 2:15 Introduction to NIDIS, Midwest DEWS, and Strategic Plan
Courtney Black, NIDIS
- 2:15 – 2:45 Revisit Needs from the Midwest DEWS Kickoff Workshop
Facilitator, Courtney Black, NIDIS
- 2:45 – 3:00 Break
- 3:00 – 3:30 Existing Activities to Enhance Drought Early Warning and Long-Term Resilience
Hans Schmitz, Purdue Extension
Zhenxing (Jason) Zhang, Illinois State Water Survey
Jim Angel, IL State Climatologist or Beth Hall, MRCC
Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC
- 3:30 – 4:00 Use of Available Drought and Climate Tools & Resources
Facilitators, Beth Hall, MRCC and Crystal Stiles, HPRCC

- 4:00 - 4:45 Drought Mitigation Planning, Triggers, and Response Panel Session
Maren Stoflet, USACE Rock Island District
Wes Cattoor, Illinois DNR
Jim Hebenstreit, Indiana DNR
Facilitator, Courtney Black, NIDIS
- 4:45 - 5:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn
Courtney Black, NIDIS and Tonya Bernadt, NDMC
- 5:30 - 7:30 Informal Networking Event

December 6, 2016

- 9:00-9:10 Overview of the Day, *Courtney Black, NIDIS*
Introduction to Midwest Climate Hub, *Dennis Todey, USDA-ARS*
Climate Resources, *Doug Kluck, NOAA*
- 9:10-10:10 Strategy 1 Development - Small Group Breakouts
- Collection and Communication of Drought Impacts
 - Collection and Communication of Adaptive Management Capacities
 - Support of Drought Vulnerability Assessments
- 10:10-11:10 Strategy 2 Development - Small Group Discussion Breakouts
- Leveraging Existing Citizen Science Monitoring Programs
 - Consistent Drought Messaging Across Sectors
 - Improving Transfer of Drought & Climate Information to Stakeholders
- 11:10-12:15 Working Lunch
Mesonets in the Midwest region
Stuart Foster, KY State Climatologist
- 12:15-1:15 Presentation of Strategies
Facilitator, Tonya Bernadt, NDMC
- 1:15-2:00 Wrap Up and Adjourn
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