



SPRING 2013 SOUTHERN GREAT PLAINS DROUGHT OUTLOOK AND ASSESSMENT FORUM

March 7, 2013

Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center
Highway 54 and County Road 23
Goodwell, OK

The National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS), NOAA and Southern Climate Impacts Planning Program (SCIPP) will be presenting a regional Drought Outlook and Assessment Forum on March 7 in Goodwell, Oklahoma. The Forum, hosted by the Oklahoma Panhandle Research and Extension Center (OPREC), is the fifth in a series since the drought became firmly established in 2011. The morning session focuses on the evolution and outlook of the drought, including presentations from those involved in monitoring, assessing and predicting our climate. The afternoon session features panel discussions on issues of concern and management practices relative to the multi-state region. The panels will feature researchers, managers, extension, and producers from Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas and Colorado. To RSVP contact OPREC at 580-349-5440.

- 9:30 Registration and refreshments
- 10:00 Welcome
- 10:10 Regional climate services in response to the Southern Plains drought
- 10:30 Current status and evolution of the 2010-2013 drought
- 11:00 Seasonal outlook and prospects for improvement
- 11:30 Long-lead climate outlook and the role of La Nina in the Southern Plains drought
- 12:00 Lunch (provided)
- 12:30 Crop Water Management (panel)
- 1:30 Water supplies (panel)
- 2:30 Rangeland management (panel)
- 3:30 Wrap-up & Adjourn