

Expansion of Emergency Haying & Grazing of CRP for 2013

Applicable to Drought-affected Counties

- Must be at D2 or greater according to US Drought Monitor on July 30, 2013
- Subject to FSA State Committee approval with concurrence from:
 - NRCS State Conservationist
 - 2/3 majority of State Technical Committee

The data cutoff for Drought Monitor maps is Tuesday at 7 a.m. Eastern Time. The maps, which are based on analysis of the data, are released each Thursday at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time.

U.S. Drought Monitor

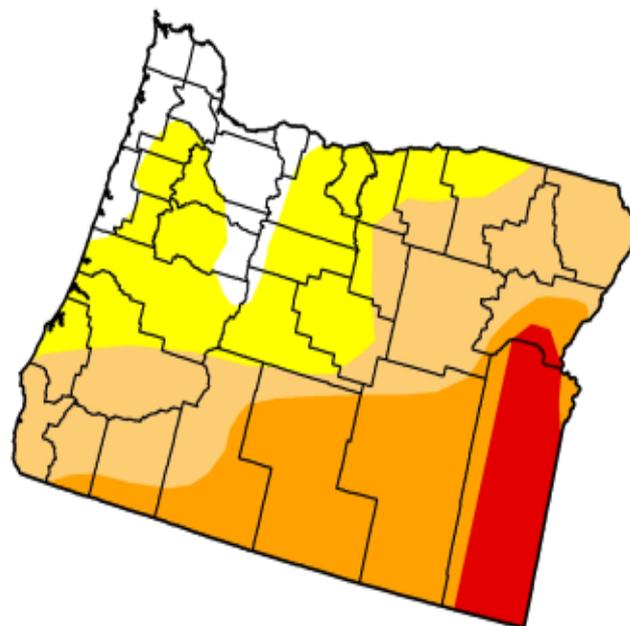
Oregon

August 6, 2013

Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.78	90.22	64.79	33.72	8.44	0.00
Last Week (07/30/2013 map)	9.76	90.24	62.16	33.72	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago (05/07/2013 map)	8.39	91.61	29.17	0.88	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	58.19	41.81	26.88	4.82	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	54.04	45.96	28.60	4.20	0.54	0.00
One Year Ago (07/31/2012 map)	63.47	36.53	26.11	1.07	0.00	0.00



Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

<http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu>



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National Drought Mitigation Center,

If approved allows:

- Change of annual payment reduction to 10% from the usual 25% for 2013 only and
- Allows the sale of hay as long as hay was not sold from the same land anytime during the previous 2 years of the contract and
- Authorizes emergency haying or grazing of certain usually ineligible practices under certain conditions

Use of those ineligible practices:

- If county in D2 status:
 - May authorize grazing of ineligible practices
- If county in D3 status
 - May authorize haying **and** grazing of ineligible practices

Conditions

- Haying is limited to single cutting per field
- Must leave at least 25% of each field ungrazed or graze not more than 75% of the stocking rate determined by NRCS
- Must not hay more than 50% of each field
- Haying approved through Aug. 31, 2013
- Grazing approved through Sept. 30, 2013

Conditions (cont.)

- Fields hayed or grazed in 2011 or 2012 not eligible (unless NRCS determines there is sufficient regrowth for conservation and wildlife benefits)
- Proximity to permanent water bodies is restricted as determined in consultation with NRCS
- Conservation & grazing plan must be developed

Conditions (cont.)

- Conservation plan must contain site-specific environmental evaluations
 - If appropriate should include consultation with USFWS if needed to protect T&E species or critical habitat
- State Acres for Wildlife Enhancement (SAFE) are not eligible

CRP SU 45 RESULTS

- Oregon Acres expiring Sept. 30
 - 56,432.8
- Acres offered in SU45
 - 59,735 (348 offers)
- Acres accepted in SU45
 - 59,518.7
 - Practices
 - CP1 Introduced Grasses
 - CP2 Native Grasses
 - CP3 Tree Planting
 - CP4b Permanent Wildlife Habitat (Corridors)
 - CP4d Permanent Wildlife Habitat
 - CP25 Rare & Declining Habitat (Upland Prairies or Oak Savannas)
 - CP42 Pollinator Habitats

Ranked on Environmental Benefits (EBI)

- 1) wildlife enhancement
 - 2) water quality
 - 3) soil erosion potential
 - 4) enduring benefits
 - 5) air quality
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- Those totals over 209 were accepted in this signup with some exceptions.