

AGENDA

Preparing for Drought | February 2018

Drought Workshops

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45 min Welcome and Introductions

Housekeeping; Packet; Introductions

- Activity 1 in your handout | 5 minutes

Discussion: Remembering drought and identifying where you are now

45 - 60 min Three scenarios for drought in 2018 and beyond: Presentations on drought toolbox and drought planning

15 min: Presentation on Scenario 1: "At Risk" | Hailey Wilmer

What can you do when you know drought is likely but before you're in it?

10 min activity: Accessing current conditions, forecasts and decision support tools.

10 min: Presentation on Scenario 2: "Emergency Room" | Hailey Wilmer

What can you do when you are in the drought "emergency room"?

15 min: Scenario 3: "Preventative Care" | Retta Bruegger

What can you do during wet years to make your operation more resilient during the next drought?

10 min: Goals, strategies, and triggers

- Activity 2 in your handout

30 min What can you do this year? (Evaluating the Impacts, Strategies and Triggers you can use now)

- Activity 3 in your handout

Discussion

15 min Wrap up

Please fill out evals and let us know what other types of programs you'd like to see from Extension!

Workshop Goals

1. Describe 2 possible scenarios for drought in your area and then investigate how those drought scenarios might impact your ranch at different time scales and with other uncertainties (market, family, other).
2. Describe 2 “triggers” or indicators of drought on your ranch.
3. Identify 2 resources and/or tools that exist for drought planning and risk reduction.
4. Write one goal and one objective related to drought management on your ranch.
5. Identify strategies that can help reduce risk before, during, and after drought (1 each).
6. Identify 2 example thresholds for decisions (when to use strategies) in drought management
7. Describe the steps for drought planning and discuss how you might apply them to your operation

Premise of workshop:

We designed this workshop under the assumption that ranchers are the experts in ranch drought management. The intent of the workshop is to increase skills ranchers have planning and goal setting, and connect them with information that will enable them to make decisions about what strategies are appropriate at the right time when drought hits. Finally, this workshop is a very broad overview of drought management, and developing and improving these skills are an ongoing process of learning.



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