

Down the Row

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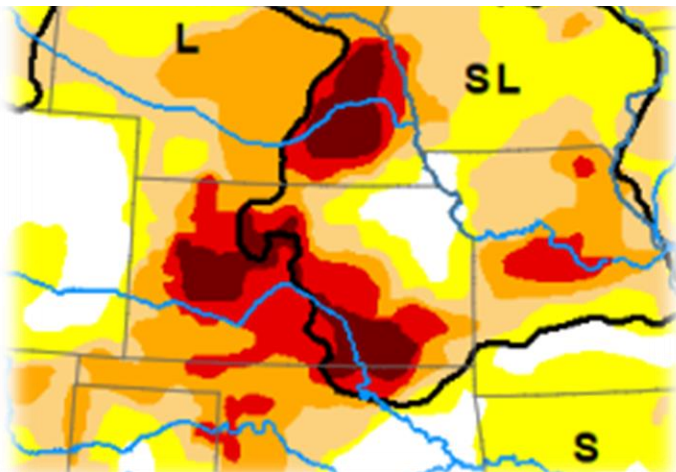
EFFECTS AND IMPACT OF DROUGHT ...

The drought is still very much a reality in many areas of the Midwest. The severity ranges significantly from area to area. Recent rains have lessened the impact in certain areas, but as temperatures rise and rainfall levels reflect the isolated nature of storms that have come through, many growers still have a significant need.

Wheat harvest expectations -

Wheat breeders and agronomy experts see a wide range of conditions and yield expectations from area to area. Wheat certainly didn't get tall and even recent rains didn't help that. However, it may improve the quality of harvested grain, in terms of better test weights. Early estimates range from less than 20 bu./acre in the severely impacted areas to 70+ bu./acre under more moderate or irrigated conditions. The latter, as many will attest, is a bit harder to find.

USDA WMS Drought Monitor Map (as of 6.6.2023) -



Intensity and Impacts

None	D1 (Moderate Drought)
D0 (Abnormally Dry)	D2 (Severe Drought)
D3 (Extreme Drought)	No Data
D4 (Exceptional Drought)	

Managing the current alfalfa crop –

Growers are noticing alfalfa plants are shorter than normal due to drought. Also, they're reporting strong market demand, especially in western and southern Kansas. Alfalfa growers may be tempted to delay harvest in hopes of getting more tonnage. We recommend to cut on time, which is the late bud to 1/10 bloom stage, regardless of height. Feed quality will be better and will clear the way for the next cutting.

THE FORAGE PICTURE...

Another effect of drought is the "NEED FOR FEED", hence the run on forages of all types. We are on record pace to supply our customers with multiple forage types, but the availability is getting tighter by the week. There is also interest in planting some grain sorghum a bit later than normal and even as a double crop option.

Grain Sorghum hybrids still available for first planting–

There is a good supply of our popular **637** and just a little quantity of the **6423B**.

Grain Sorghum hybrids for double crop are –

Fair supply of **595**. Still some **5883C** available. **637** can also be used for this purpose and there is good supply of that hybrid.

Forage Sorghum hybrids still available –

BMR5515D – limited quantity

BMR20D – very limited, but still some available

Sweet Bal – there is still a fair amount available

Sorghum x Sudangrass hybrids still available –

Sweet Graz 1 – still a decent supply, but going fast

BMR68D – very limited availability – first come basis

BMRPPS-1 – still a fair supply – very good option

BMR 28D – very limited, but still available – first come

Hybrid Millet hybrids still available –

Wonderleaf Pearl Millet – still some units left

For all other products, please check with your rep or call the office for the latest information.

PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT: BMRPPS-1

This recently introduced photoperiod sensitive (PPS) hybrid has a wide harvest window and excellent regrowth after harvest. Will not head out until daylight hours are shorter than 12 hours 20 minutes. Has excellent palatability and digestibility ratings and tall brown midrib plants for top feed quality. Still available.

Maturity:	Full
Yield Potential:	Excellent
Drought Tolerance:	Excellent
Plant Height/Type:	Tall PPS
Midrib Type:	BMR
Regrowth:	VG to EXC
SCA Tolerance:	Below Avg
Leafiness:	Very Good
Standability:	Very Good
Harvest Mode:	Hay, Graze or Silage



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