

Need drought-related information? You're not alone.

With 70 percent of Texas currently in some stage of drought, many agricultural producers need answers to a host of drought-related questions. Are you one of them? If you are, check out these state and federal resources. They can't make it rain, but they want to help you survive until it does.



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- The Agricultural Drought Task Force Web site, <http://agrilife.tamu.edu/drought/> provides a clearinghouse of drought-related information from a number of state and federal agencies. The 'Resources on Drought' section provides static and changing information on drought while the 'News Updates/Situational Reports' section features the latest submissions from the site's participating agencies.
- Texas Department of Agriculture's Hay Hotline at 1-877-429-1998, connects those with hay to sell or pasture to lease to those who need it. Also, the TDA's 'Disaster Resource Information Packet' provides contact information for state, federal and private agricultural disaster assistance programs. Check out www.TexasAgriculture.gov for more information on both of these resources.
- U.S. Department of Agriculture's Farm Service Agency provides low-interest emergency loans to help eligible producers recover from natural disasters. Interested producers should contact the office that serves the county in which their operation is located for options available in their specific location. For statewide assistance contact Brenda Carlson, public affairs specialist, U.S. Department of Agriculture Farm Service Agency at 979-680-5213, Brenda.carlson@tx.usda.gov.