



# Current Drought Response Update

February 14, 2013





**2012 Drought Impacts Survey available now!!!**

<http://tinyurl.com/CSU-drought>



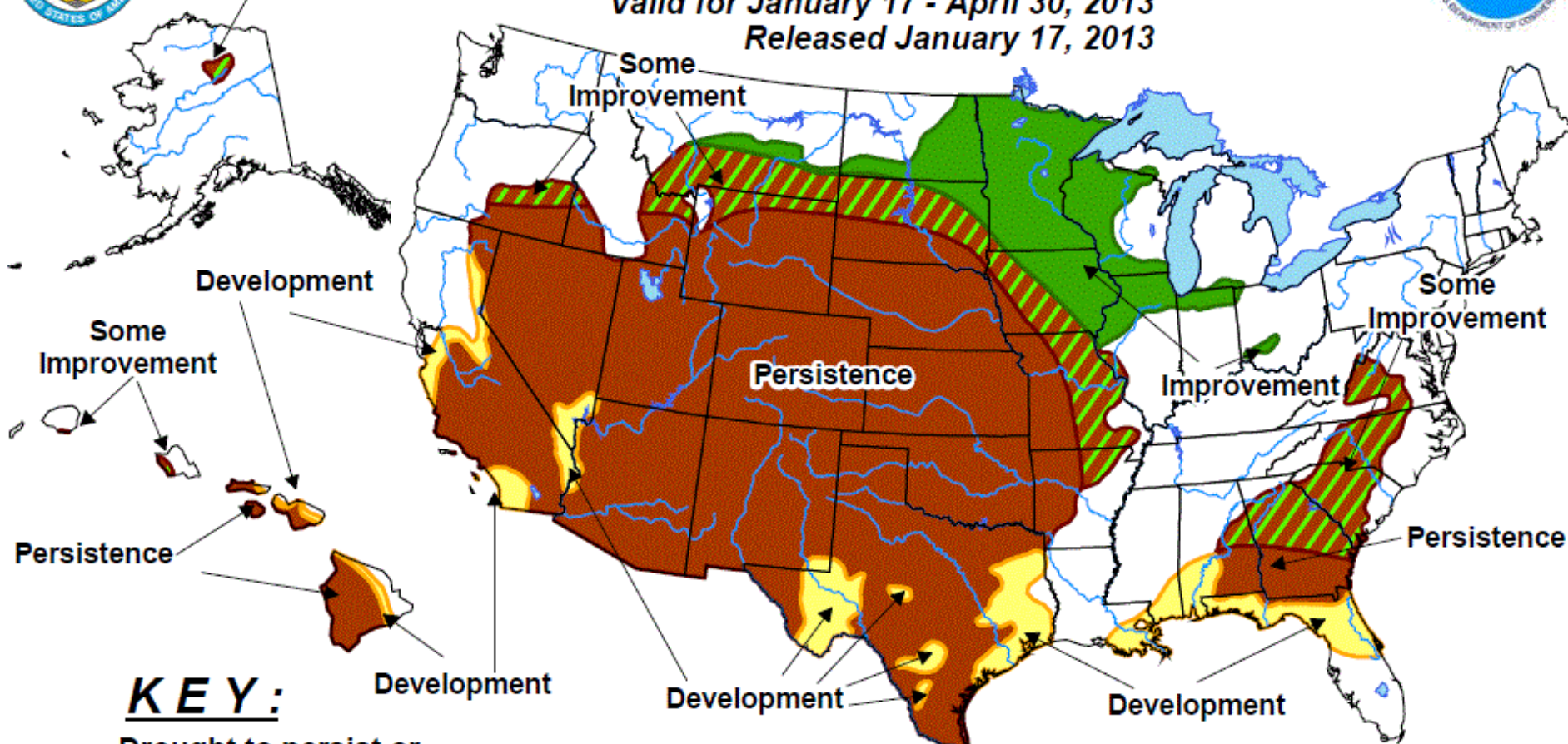


# U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook

## Drought Tendency During the Valid Period


Valid for January 17 - April 30, 2013

Released January 17, 2013



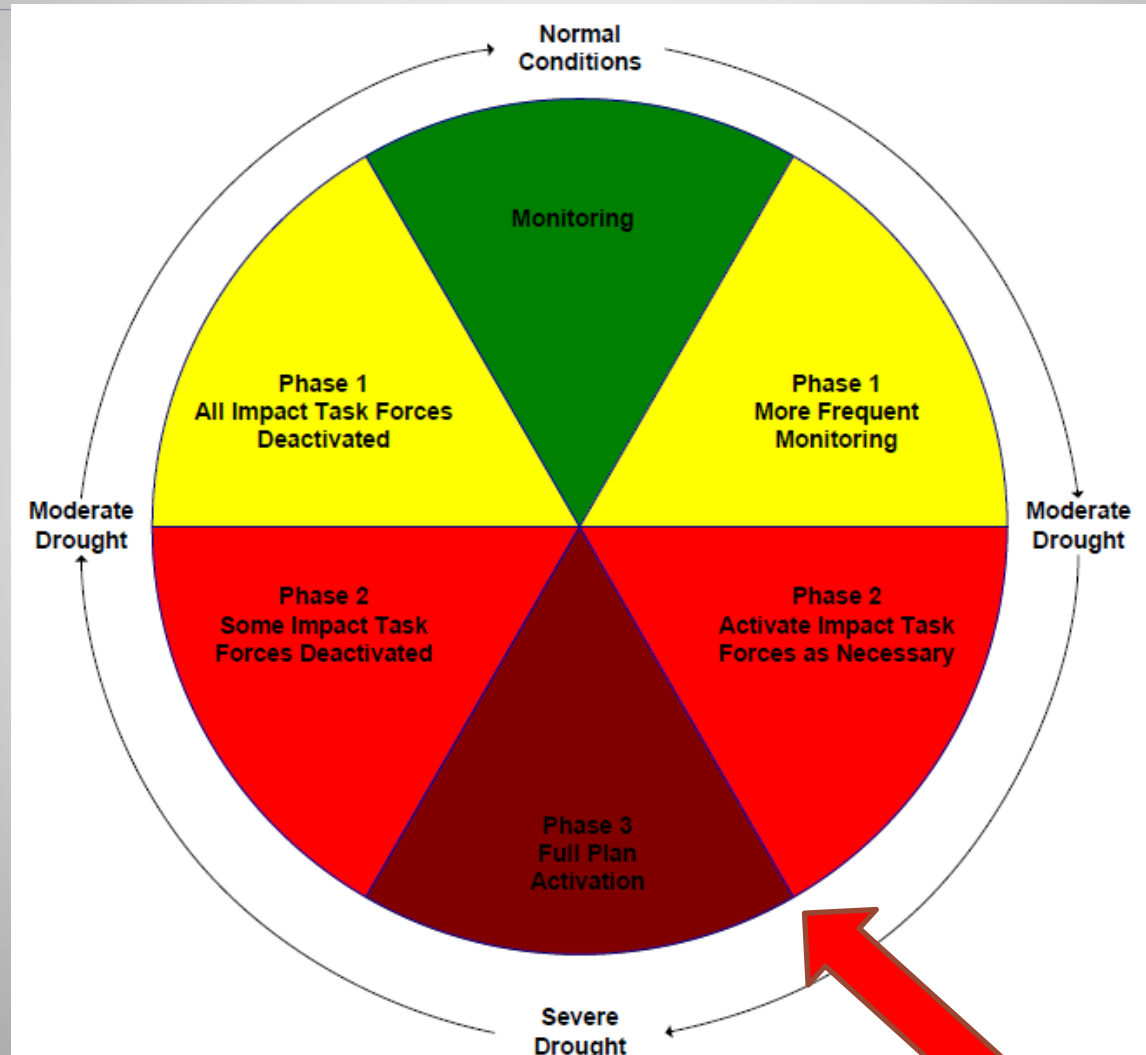
### KEY:

-  Drought to persist or intensify
-  Drought ongoing, some improvement
-  Drought likely to improve, impacts ease
-  Drought development likely

No Drought Posted/Predicted 

Depicts large-scale trends based on subjectively derived probabilities guided by short- and long-range statistical and dynamical forecasts. Short-term events – such as individual storms – cannot be accurately forecast more than a few days in advance. Use caution for applications – such as crops – that can be affected by such events. "Ongoing" drought areas are approximated from the Drought Monitor (D1 to D4 intensity). For weekly drought updates, see the latest U.S. Drought Monitor. NOTE: the green improvement areas imply at least a 1-category improvement in the Drought Monitor intensity levels, but do not necessarily imply drought elimination.

# Colorado Drought Response Drought Plan Implementation Cycle





## Next Steps...



- Gearing up for dry conditions this spring
- Continued monitoring
- Continued and frequent communication with DTF/ Ag ITF
- Engaging additional stakeholders- including other ITFs
- Tracking Impacts
- Coordination with, & support for, Water Providers
- Estimating the short and long-term economic and social impacts from 2012 (Joint partnership with Dept of Agriculture, CSU & Farm Credit Services of Southern Colorado)
- Collaboration with neighboring state regarding drought response and mitigation actions (NDMC/ NIDIS)
- 2013 Drought Plan Update



# Questions?



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