



# A Drought Perspective: Comments from the National Drought Mitigation Center

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**Photo: Nicole Wall, NDMC, Platte River, August 2012**

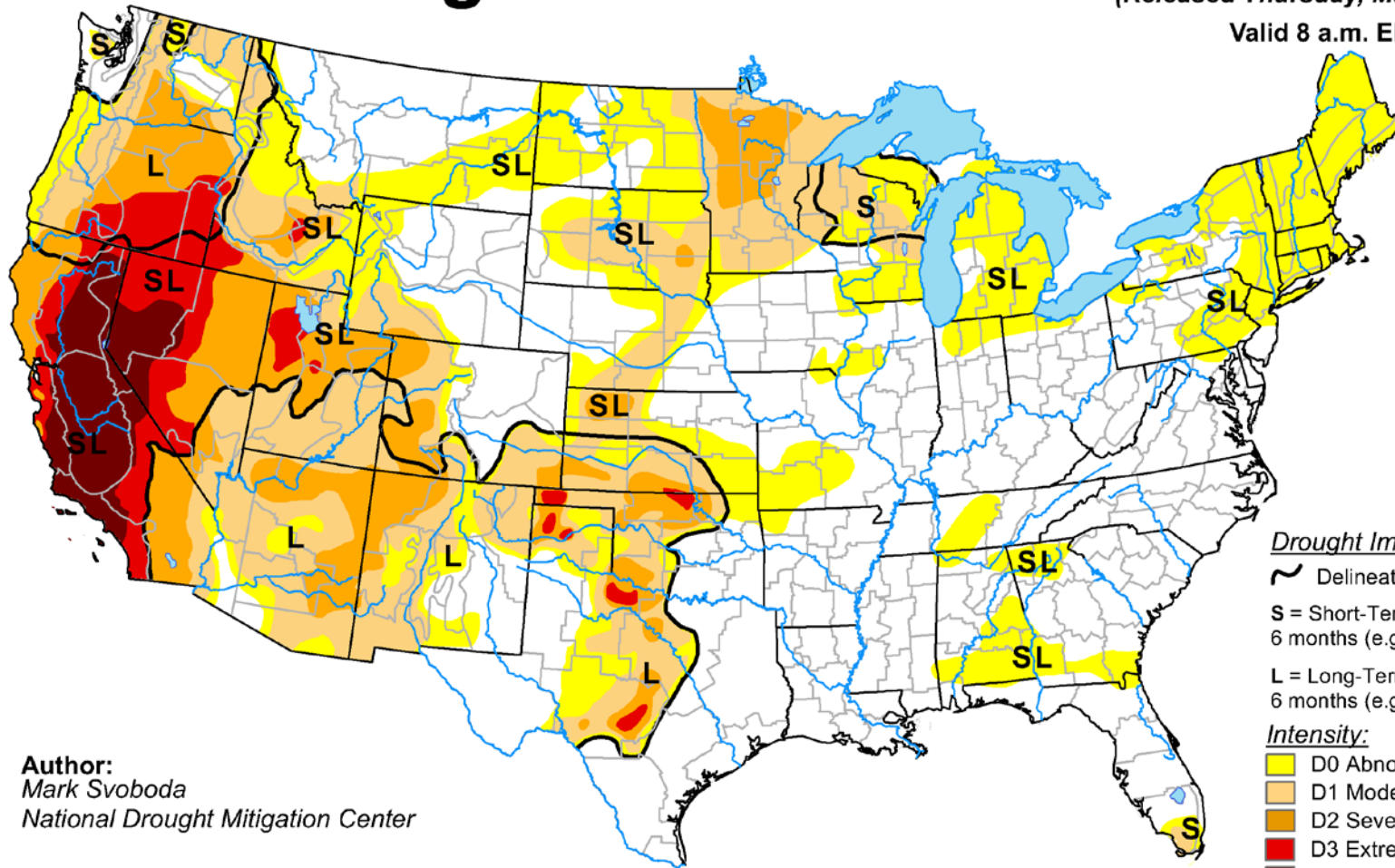


# U.S. Drought Monitor

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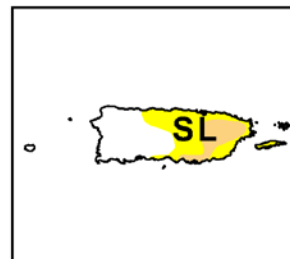
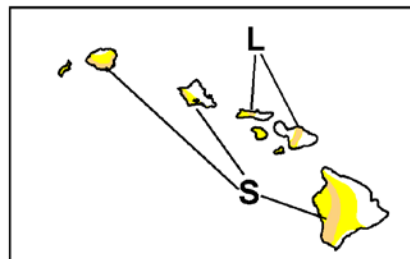
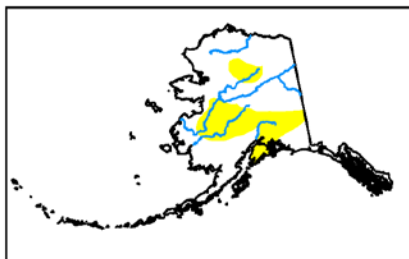
**Drought Impact Types:**

- ~ Delineates dominant impacts
- S = Short-Term, typically less than 6 months (e.g. agriculture, grasslands)
- L = Long-Term, typically greater than 6 months (e.g. hydrology, ecology)

**Intensity:**

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

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



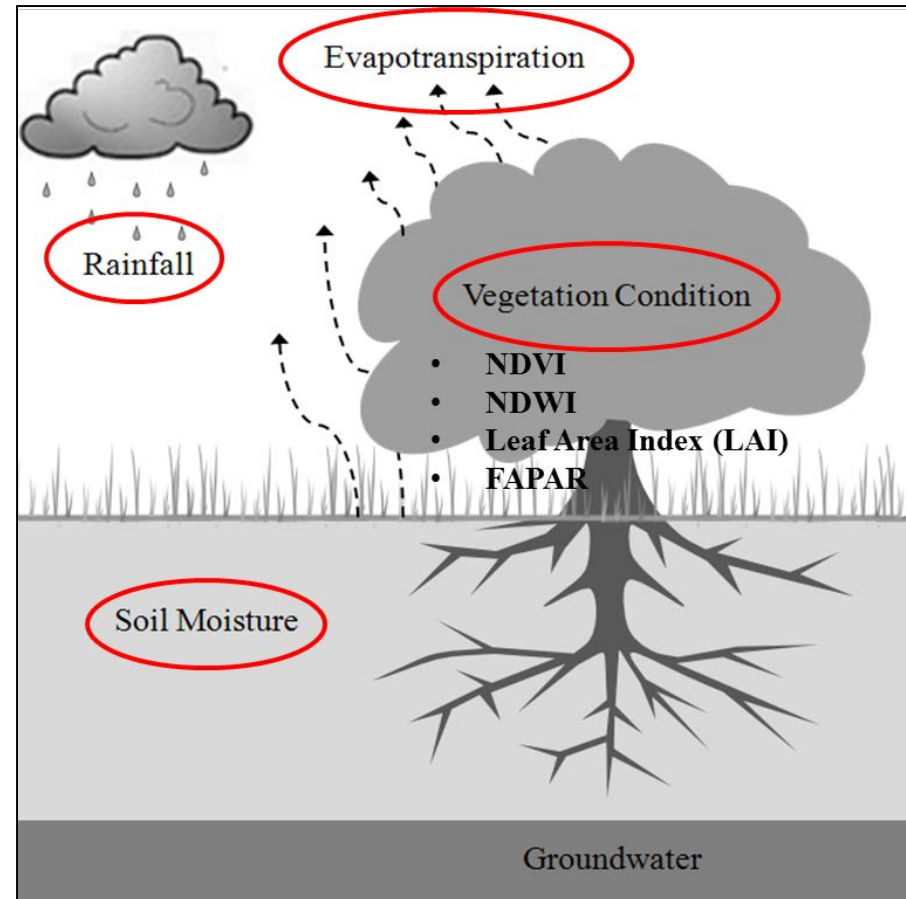
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# Remotely Sensed Indicators for Agricultural Drought Monitoring

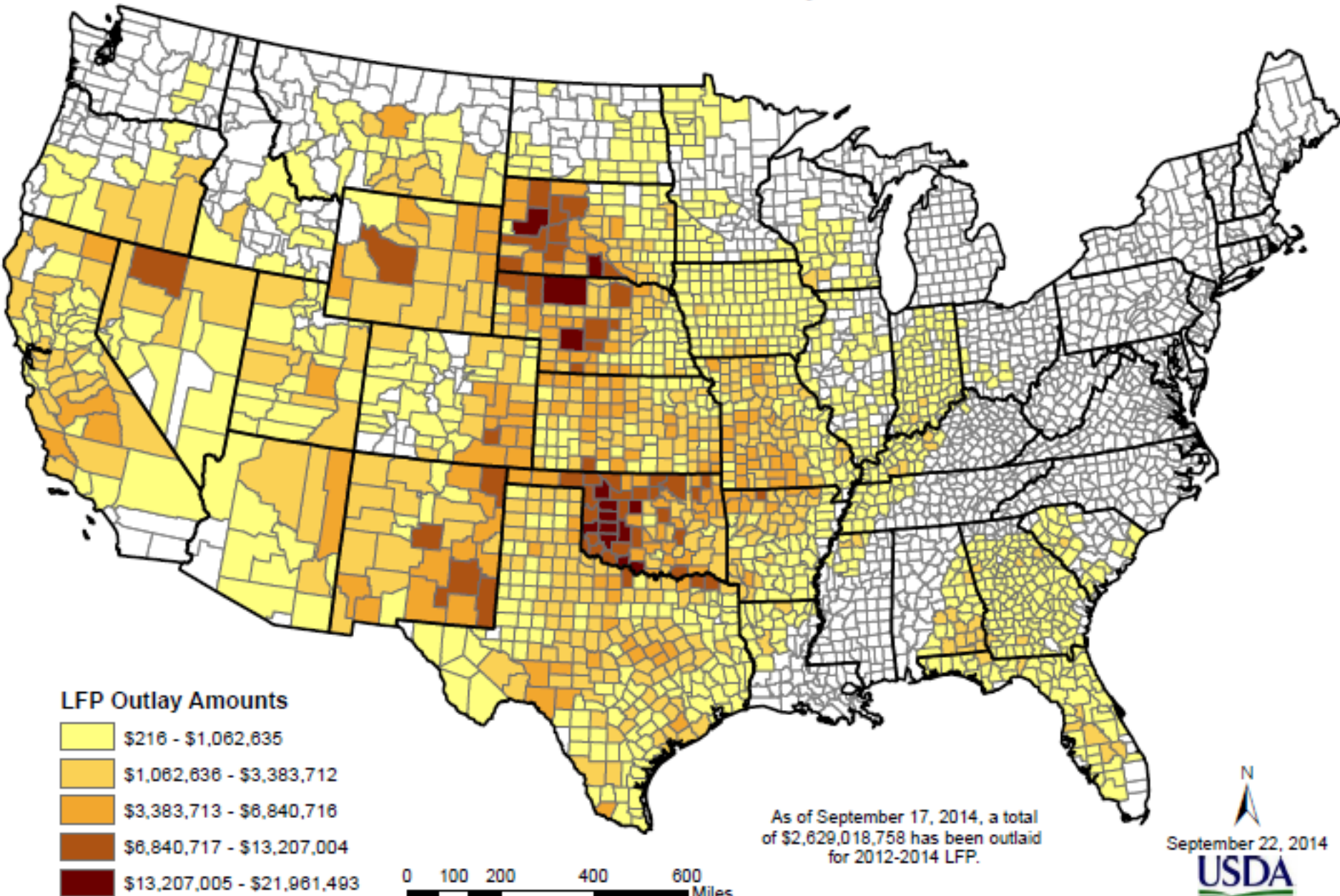
Over the past decade, satellite remote sensing advanced to develop suite of tools and data products that characterize several components of hydrologic cycle related to vegetation and agricultural drought.

Remotely sensed data tools and products that describe:

- 1) **sub-surface conditions** = soil moisture
- 2) **Vegetation conditions** = NDVI, NDWI, VHI, LAI, and FAPAR
- 3) **Vegetation-atmosphere boundary layer conditions** = evapotranspiration (ET)
- 4) **Precipitation inputs** = rainfall estimates



# Total 2012-2014 LFP Outlay Amounts



## LFP Outlay Amounts

- \$216 - \$1,062,635
- \$1,062,636 - \$3,383,712
- \$3,383,713 - \$6,840,716
- \$6,840,717 - \$13,207,004
- \$13,207,005 - \$21,961,493

Data as of September 17, 2014



# Nebraska's Agriculture and Water Resources

- Major river systems: Platte, Loup, Republican
- High Plains Aquifer, largest in North America
  - More than 2 billion acre-feet of water
  - Decades of data characterizing the aquifer
- Nebraska #1 in irrigated cropland in the US
- Ranks 4th nationally in value of agricultural products sold

