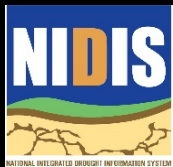


# Quantifying drought metrics, time scales, and tools to support management of different drought types in the Northeastern United States

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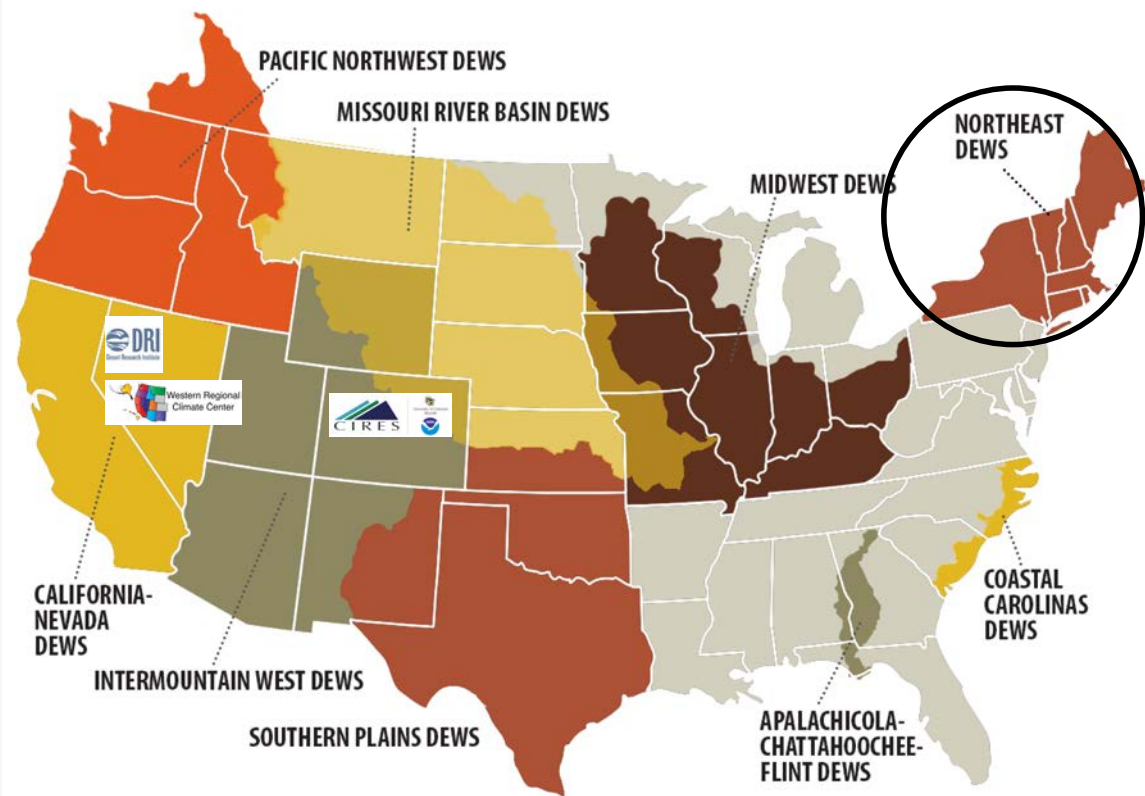


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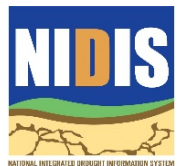
# Drought Early Warning

A Drought Early Warning System (DEWS) utilizes new and existing networks of federal, tribal, state, local and academic partners to make climate and drought science accessible and useful for decision makers.

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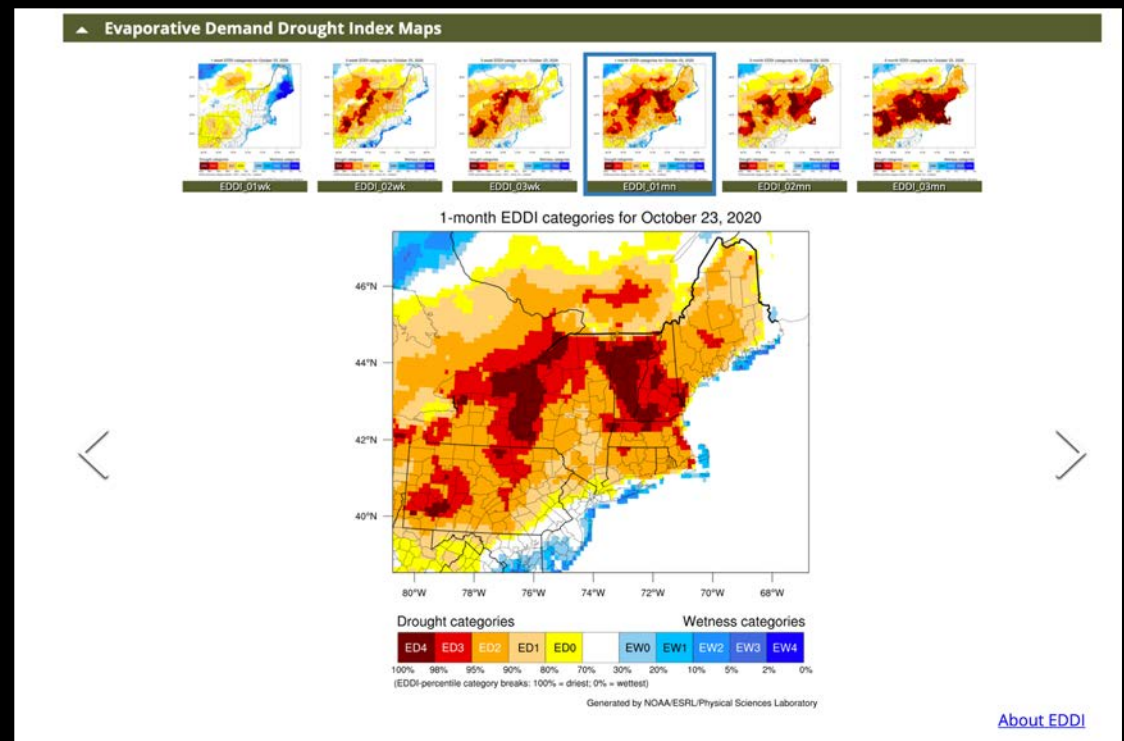


National Integrated Drought Information System



# Project Objectives

- Identify the most effective drought indicators for various drought types in the Northeast DEWS region
- Integrate findings and data into the Northeast DEWS and incorporate into US Drought Monitor process, management, planning, and decision-making



<http://nedews.nrc.cornell.edu>

Which drought indicators and time scales provide the most information related to detecting early onset of crop stress?

Drought Indices Compared to NASS  
Annual Crop Yields: Corn Silage

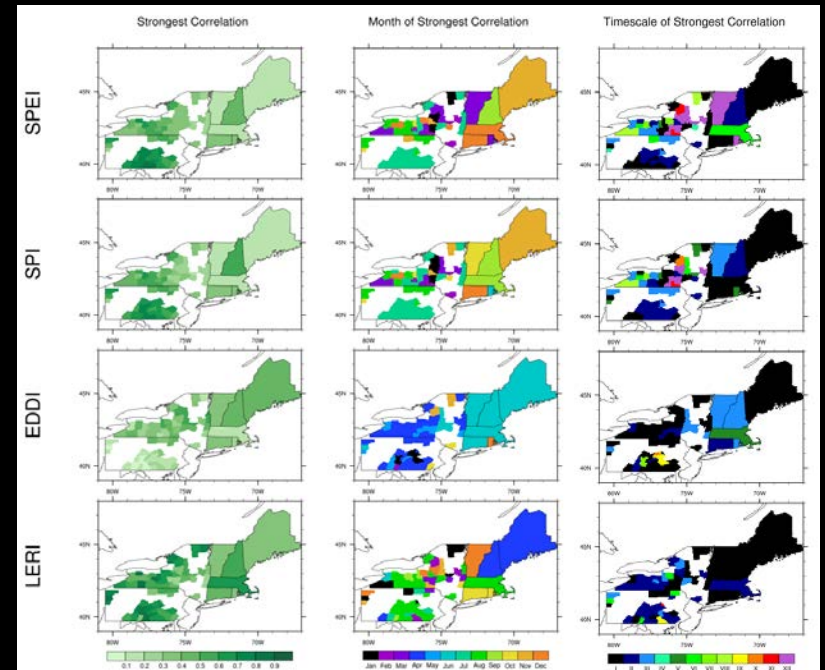
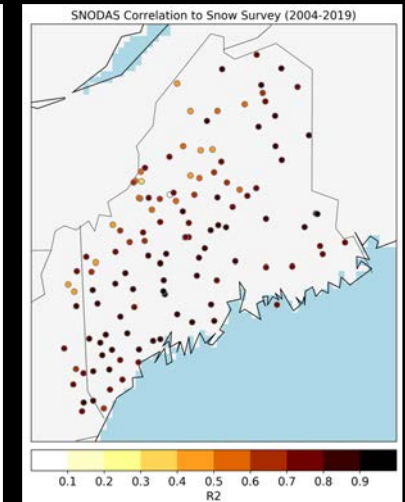
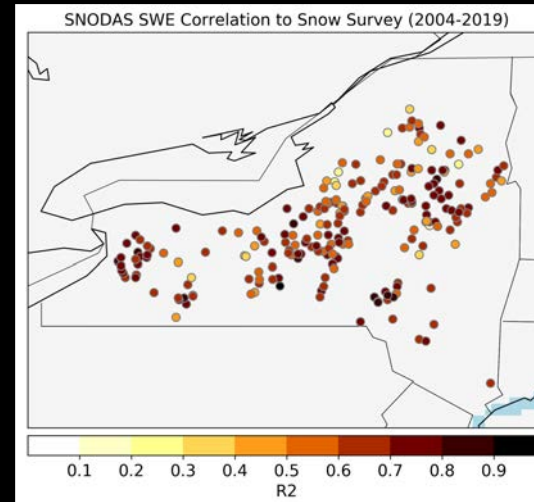


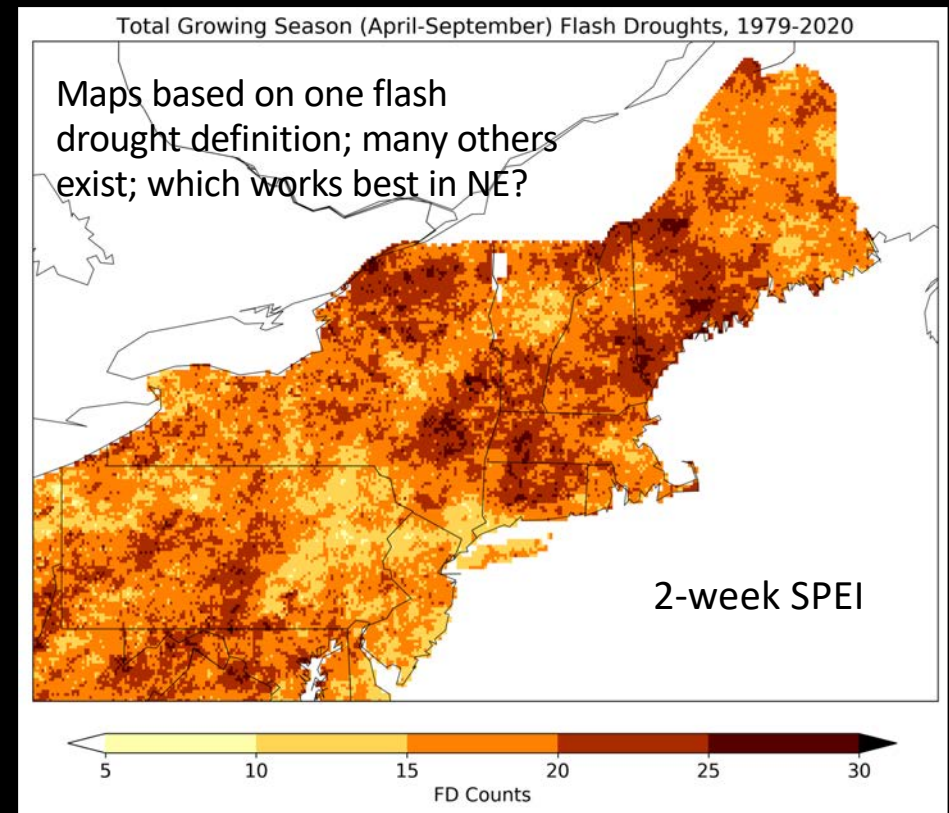
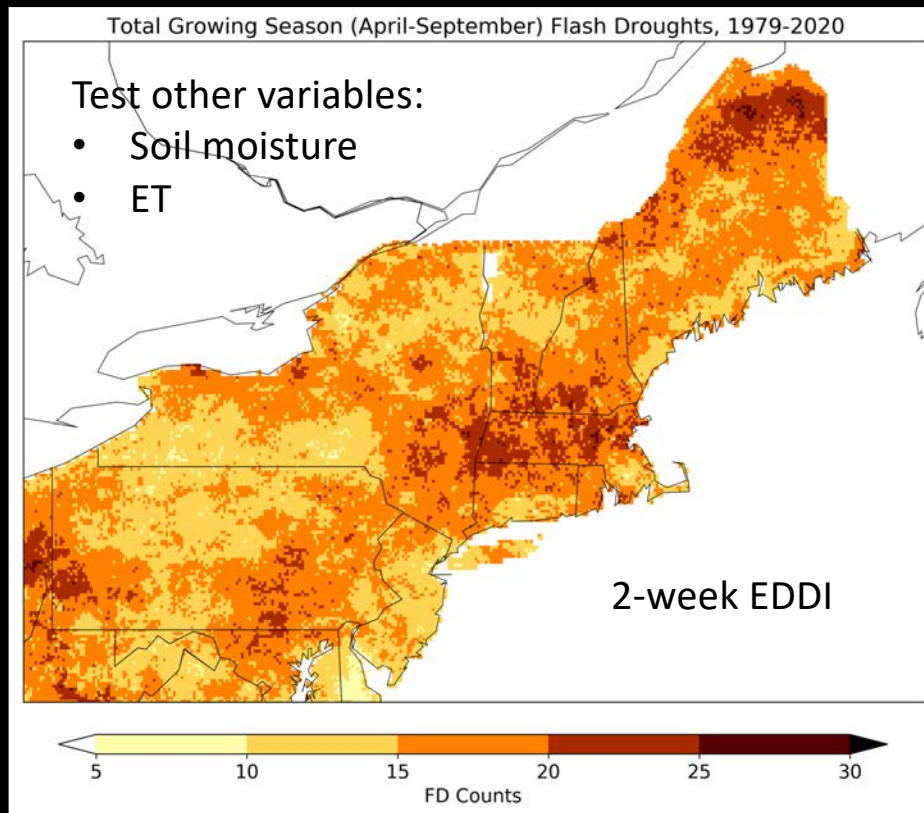
Figure: Adam Xia, DRI

# How does snow drought impact the following spring and summer drought conditions?



- Impacts of more precipitation falling as rain instead of snow in a warming climate?
- Identify recent temperature-driven snow droughts
- Best spatial SWE estimates for snow drought tracking?

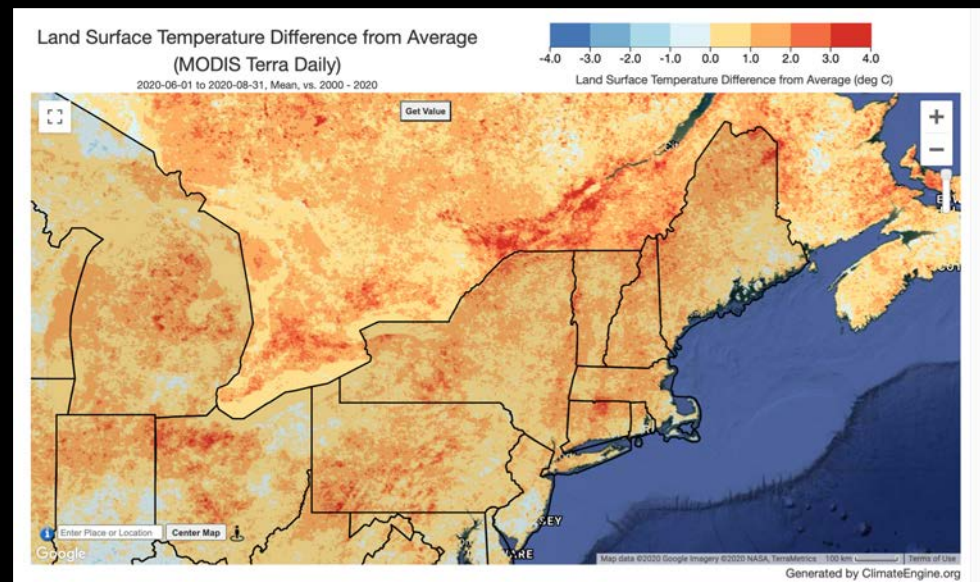
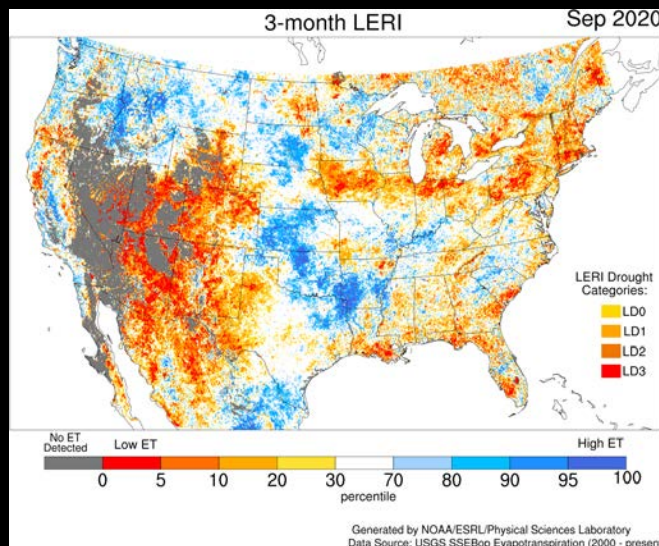
# Quantifying Flash Droughts in the Northeast



Maps based on Pendergrass et al. (2020; *Nature*) flash drought definition

# Drought Monitoring Web Tools Developed by the Team

- Climate Engine: <https://app.climateengine.org/climateEngine>
- NOAA EDDI CONUS: <https://psl.noaa.gov/eddi/>
- NOAA EDDI Northeast: [ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/pub/Public/mhobbins/EDDI/NE\\_DEWS/](ftp://ftp.cdc.noaa.gov/pub/Public/mhobbins/EDDI/NE_DEWS/)
- NOAA LERI: <https://psl.noaa.gov/leri/>
- Drought Index Portal (DrIP): <https://droughtindexportal.colorado.edu/>
- West Wide Drought Tracker: <https://wrcc.dri.edu/wwdt/>



Thanks! Questions?  
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Coming soon: virtual workshop to  
summarize project results and  
introduce web tools, **early summer  
2021**

Fourth Lake, New York, July, 2020  
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