

Tuesday, August 30, 2016: U.S. Drought Monitor Forum for the U.S. Virgin Islands		
Time	Topic	Speaker/Moderator
Session 1	Opening Session	Moderator: Mark Svoboda, NDMC
8:30-9:00	Registration	
9:00-9:05	Welcome	Julie Wright, NRCS Caribbean Area Public Affairs Specialist
9:05-9:15	Opening Remarks	Jaime Valentín, NRCS Caribbean Area State Resource Conservationist
9:15-9:25	Workshop Objectives	Mark Svoboda, National Drought Mitigation Center
9:25-9:40	Introduction of panel/partners	ALL Attendees
9:40-10:00	Key Note Address	Michael Scuse, Acting Deputy Secretary of Agriculture (invited)
10:00-10:20	Quick History of the U.S. Drought Monitor and how we got here	Mark Svoboda, NDMC
10:20-10:40	Drought in the USVI	Carlos Robles, Commissioner, V.I. Department of Agriculture
10:40-11:00	BREAK	
Session 2	Local/Regional Resources, Impacts and Needs	Moderator: Julie Wright, USDA-NRCS-CB
11:00-11:30	USDA Caribbean Climate Hub	Dr. William Gould, USDA Caribbean Climate Hub
11:30-11:45	Drought Impacts in the USVI	Dr. Robert Godfrey, UVI-AES
11:45-12:15	Local USDA Drought Resources + Programs	Jaime Valentín, NRCS Caribbean Area State Resource Conservationist; Debbie Folsom, FSA Florida State Office
12:15-12:45	Water Resources Research Institute Overview and Activities	Dr. Kristin Wilson-Grimes, UVI Water Resources Research Institute
12:45-1:45	Lunch	
Session 3	Making of the USDM	Moderator: Brad Rippey
1:45-2:05	Overview of the USDM	Brian Fuchs, NDMC
2:05-2:25	Application of GIS Products in the USDM	Eric Luebehusen, USDA/OCE
2:25-2:45	Drought Analysis in the Affiliated U.S. Pacific Islands	Richard Heim, NOAA/NCEI

2:45-3:00	BREAK	
3:00-3:20	Drought Impacts and Disaster Relief in the Agricultural Sector	Brad Rippey, USDA/OCE
3:20-4:15	Panel Discussion and Q&A with the U.S. Drought Monitor Authors	USDM Authors
4:15	Wrap-up/Next Steps and Adjourn	Mark Svoboda (NDMC)/Brad Rippey (USDA)

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Session 4	Some other tools	Moderator: Michelle Thurland-Martinez, USDA-FSA
9:00-9:15	Recap Day 1	TBD
9:15-9:30	USVI Citizen Science Activities	Christina Chanes, UVI Cooperative Extension Service
9:30-10:00	USVI Climate Monitoring Activities	Dr. David Morris, UVI Science & Math Dept. (invited)
10:00-10:30	Current USVI conditions/ENSO outlook/ CoCoRaHS	Odalys Martinez, National Weather Service
10:30-10:45 Break		
Session 5	Next steps: Where to go from here?	Moderator: Mark Svoboda, NDMC
10:45-12:00	Panel Discussion: Future/Next Steps: Where are the data gaps? Usage and trust in various indicators, including satellite derived? Other issues and concerns from the users?	All USDM Authors
12:00 ADJOURN		