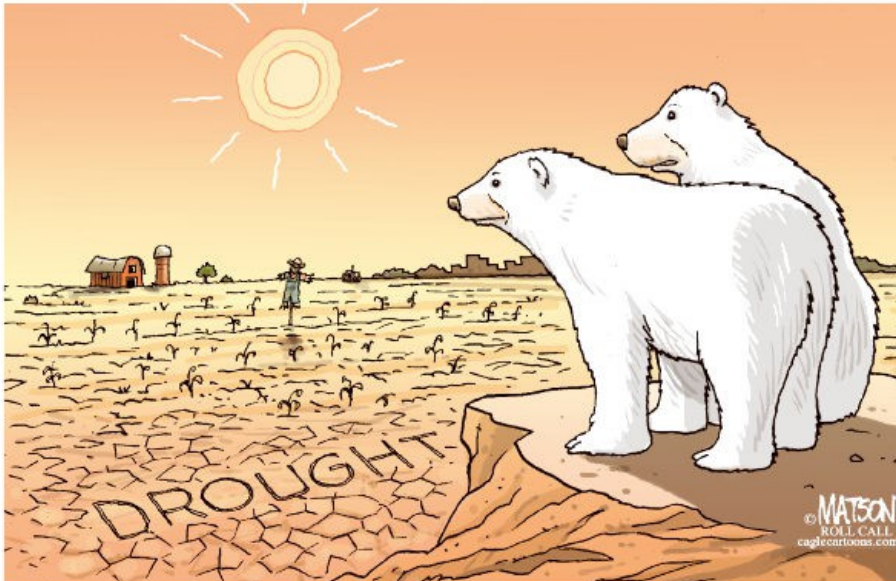


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U.S. drought is worst in half century



"I USED TO BELIEVE GLOBAL WARMING WAS A VAST HUMAN CONSPIRACY TO DESTROY THE POLAR ICE CAPS... BUT NOW I'M NOT SO SURE!"

By R.J. Matson / Roll Call, Courtesy Caglecartoons.com

Talking points

1. Find news reports on the drought which covers more of the nation than anytime since 1956. Exactly how much of the nation is affected? Where is it most severe? What crops are affected?
2. How could the drought impact your family? What foods could end up costing more? How much could the drought cost the country?
3. What does the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration say about the nation's recent droughts? Is global warming a factor?

Between the lines

"We can't say with certainty how long this might last now. Now that we're going up against the two largest droughts in history, that's something to be wary of."

- Jake Crouch, National Climatic Data Center

<http://www.buffalonews.com/incoming/article951526.ece>

Additional resources

More by R.J. Matson

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