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#### (Neb.)-USDA Plans Regional Meetings To Address Drought



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DENVER (AP) - The U.S. Department of Agriculture plans regional meetings with local officials to learn more about impacts from this year's drought and to discuss how to leverage existing resources to speed recovery efforts.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack on Thursday said the four regional meetings will be held in Nebraska, Ohio, Colorado and Arkansas to address existing and emerging drought recovery issues. Details will be announced later, but the first meeting is already scheduled for Oct. 9 in Omaha, Neb.

The U.S. Drought Monitor shows about one-fifth of the contiguous U.S. remains in extreme or exceptional drought, representing the report's two worst categories of dry conditions.