

The Drought of 2012



Some Questions regarding
Health and Well being

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- ☞ This summer we experienced high water-temperatures, low water-levels and algal blooms in many surface waters.
- ☞ Did you experience this in your area? Did you keep your children out of the water ? Did your family experience any health impacts from exposure (diarrhea etc.) ?
- ☞ Did you experience any failing water- wells or related well-water quality issues? Were there any known health impacts ?
- ☞ Did you experience any family/company induced health challenges because of increased farm/businesses costs during the drought (i.e. family stress related to forced selling of livestock etc. because of lack of hay and feed)?

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- ❧ Did you or your family/ friends experience heat related stress this summer? What actions were taken ?
- ❧ Did you need to move/relocate elderly relatives because of the heat this summer?
- ❧ Did you seek and find `cooling-sites' and were they available to the public (24/7) ?
- ❧ Will you install or upgrade air conditioning in your home in the coming year?

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- ❧ Were you or your family forced to use emergency or hospital services because of the drought /heat this summer?
- ❧ Have your family or friends experienced any smoke inhalation issues - fires were just to the south-east and north of us, etc? Were you worried about the possibility of wildfires?
- ❧ Are you aware of any emerging geographical patterns of illness/negative responses to the drought and high temperatures in our watershed? Who did most poorly?
- ❧ Did you find that the communications about actions for people to take to protect themselves (i.e. health issues) during this event was adequate or not?