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Subject: Experimental implementation of the Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI) monitoring product for the Contiguous U.S. on or about March 24, 2026

The National Weather Service (NWS) Climate Prediction Center (CPC) will experimentally implement the Evaporative Demand Drought Index (EDDI) monitoring product for the contiguous U.S. on or about March 24, 2026. EDDI monitoring product is a drought early warning indicator. EDDI was co-developed by NOAA's Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) Physical Sciences Laboratory (PSL) with stakeholders and end-users. By providing near-real-time information on the emergence or persistence of anomalous atmospheric evaporative demand, also known as "the thirst of the atmosphere", the EDDI product enables early warning of agricultural drought, hydrologic drought, and elevated fire-weather risk.

A description of the EDDI monitoring product can be found at the following web address:

https://nsdesk.servicenowservices.com/api/g_noa/nwspc/res2/16db6c7147dfbe10f6550c03e16d4394

Experimental EDDI monitoring product will be located at the following web address:

<https://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/Drought/eddi/>

Comments will be collected from March 24 through September 30, 2026 using: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ExpEDDI_2026 .

Questions and inquiries on the experimental EDDI monitoring product may be sent to:

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