Drought Stress Identification Guide

This Drought Stress Identification Guide helps growers spot crop signs of drought stress. Fill it in by hand and keep it with your farm records for later seasons.

Farm / unit: _____ Date: _____ By: _____

1. Note crop and growth stage
2. Check leaf rolling or color change
3. Check soil moisture at depth
4. Compare stressed and healthy spots
5. Rule out disease, herbicide or compaction
6. Note rainfall and irrigation history
7. Check weather and drought maps
8. Record decisions made and results

YOUR NOTES

TIP Check soil moisture in the root zone, not just the surface, and compare against drought maps.