



# DMTF Agricultural Impact Update

## Produce Safety Inspection Program

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- Field Production in full swing as early crops are at harvest-end (strawberries/asparagus) and transplanting and seeding continue for seasonal and fall harvest crops.
- Farms in general are already feeling the impacts of the drought and are irrigating more heavily.
- Farmers, especially in the CT River Valley, are reporting deficits in soil moisture due to the lack of precipitation, high heat and unusually high winds in the region.
- Surface water sources, such as ponds, rivers and tributaries used for agricultural water (irrigation, chemical application), are currently maintaining adequate levels for pull and distribution across most regions with the exception of the Northeast region.
- Northeast region farms are already experiencing crop loss and degradation of surface water sources with impacts ranging from crop destruction to lack of germination for seed crops.