

## **Drought In Winona County Now Classified As 'Severe'**

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Many area farmers are being urged to find ways to keep their soil as moist as possible before the winter freeze sets in.

Winona County has just been added to the list of 'severe' drought areas in Minnesota, after a year when rainfall has been several inches below normal. Jake Overgaard, a farm educator with the University of Minnesota Extension, says the 'severe' rating wasn't much of a surprise. Overgaard says leaving residue on farm fields will help trap snow, to retain moisture in the soil during the winter.