



## Longitudinal survey: Growers' responses to questions from REACCH scientists

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### Farmer Quotes on Weather

'It's in a long cycle – it goes through cycles. The older you get the more it stays the same.'

'Too wet, too cold, too hot, too dry'

'There is no normal, not sure there ever was.'

'Farming is site specific'

'If climate change is going on we might benefit from it'

'30<sup>th</sup> straight year of continuous change'



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**Impact:** Each year, survey questions have been solicited from scientists from across the REACCH project disciplines for the annual survey of growers in the longitudinal survey. These questions span the breadth of the project and provide invaluable grower feedback on issues that could impact or inform REACCH research. A summary of what has been asked and some results are presented.

The REACCH longitudinal survey is a survey of 47 producers in our study area that we interview every year. REACCH also surveyed the entire producer population of the study region in 2012. Some identical questions were asked to both groups.

The longitudinal survey is divided into two parts, one focusing on economics and the other consisting of questions from REACCH scientists. This presentation focuses on growers' responses to questions from REACCH scientists, which include both short answer and open ended questions from the 2011, 2012, and 2013 longitudinal surveys. These questions include topics such as weed and pest observations, use of Extension materials, and opinions on weather and climate challenges. Since 2014-2015 will be the last year to administer the longitudinal survey, the REACCH team will have one last opportunity to submit their questions for the longitudinal survey.

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