Water Conservation Tips
for farmers during a drought

**LOW WATER CONDITIONS**
are slow to occur and caused by a combination of factors such as lack of rain, high temperatures and increased demand for water.

1. Check your irrigation systems regularly for leaks and ensure they don’t water faster than what the ground can absorb.

2. Irrigate in the evening or later in the day when temperatures are lower and there is less evaporation loss.

3. Avoid irrigating during windy conditions.

4. Use rain gauges to measure how much water your crops are getting.

5. Follow your local municipality’s instructions for obtaining water.

6. Consider using controlled tile drainage to help keep more water and nutrients on crops during dry periods.

**DROUGHTS**
can be stressful for farmers as dry seasons could lead to loss of commercial, industrial, and agricultural production.

Agricultural water consumers can make the most of their water supplies and mitigate the impacts of low water conditions by implementing efficiencies and limiting non-essential water use.

Visit [www.nation.on.ca](http://www.nation.on.ca) for current low water conditions and more information.