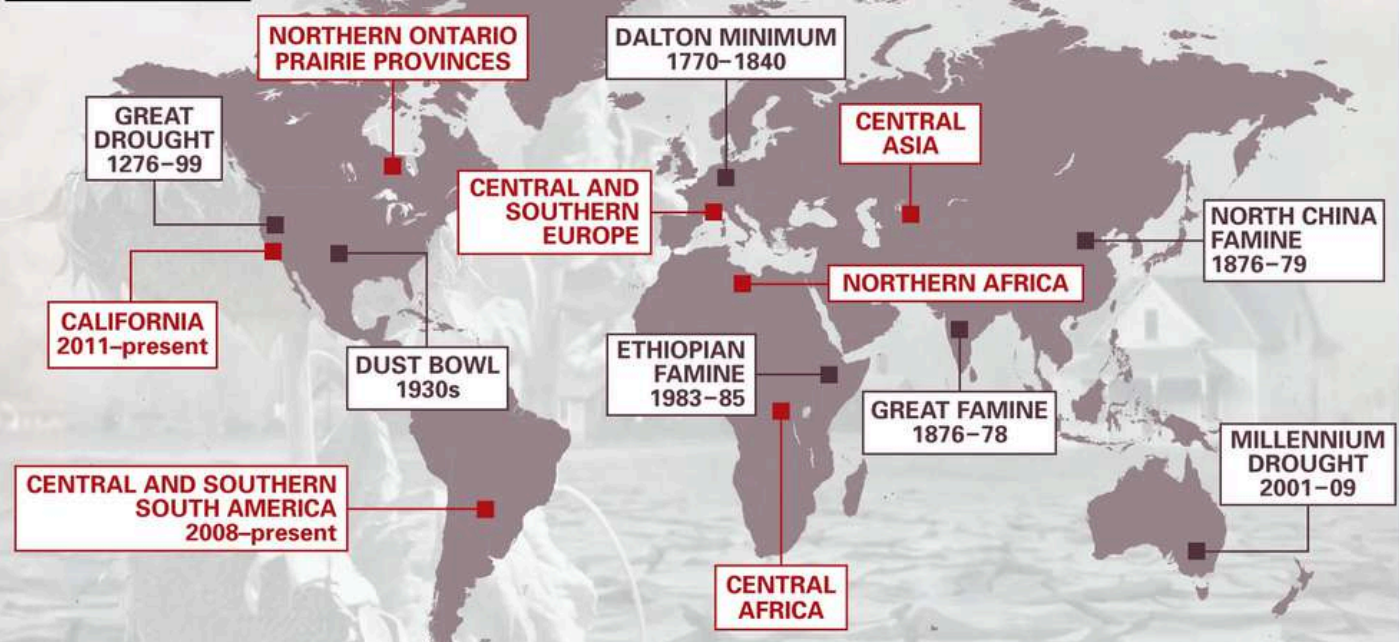


DROUGHT

An extended period of rainless weather that causes a considerable water imbalance.

Locations of ongoing and historical droughts

- Ongoing*
- Historical



*As of August 2022 according to the National Integrated Drought Information System (NIDIS).

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SOME OF THE VISIBLE SIGNS OF DROUGHT	ECONOMIC IMPACTS	SOCIAL IMPACTS
Crop damage	Crop loss	Increased human health risks
Lowered lake levels	Habitat damage	Reduced incomes
Increased soil erosion	Increased costs for food and water	Rise in drought-related deaths
Reduced flow of rivers and streams	Reduced hydropower output with rising utility rates	Increased risk of war
Increased dust storm prevalence		Increased migration
Increased wildfire risk		

SIGNS OF DROUGHT BELOWGROUND

- Steep reductions in soil moisture
- Drawdowns of aquifers

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