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Mark Brusberg is Deputy Chief Meteorologist with the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Office of the Chief Economist, one of five agricultural meteorologists providing domestic and international crop weather assessments in support of USDA's global situation and outlook program. As such, he is familiar with the weather and climate of various international regions, global cropping patterns, and the potential impacts on agriculture by El Niño and other phenomena. As a crop weather analyst, his current areas of responsibility include South America and large sections of North America and Africa.

Mr. Brusberg is the International Editor of the *Weekly Weather and Crop Bulletin* and is involved in the production of the *North American Drought Monitor*. He is also active in efforts to strengthen the partnerships between USDA and other Federal Departments, recently including the updating of the Memorandum of Understanding between USDA and NOAA and involvement with the National Drought Resilience Partnership, an activity outlined in the President's Climate Action Plan and overseen by the White House Council on Environmental Quality. Of particular note, he has been a strong advocate within USDA for the establishment of a National Soil Moisture Monitoring Network. Mark is a 1985 and 1987 graduate of University of Maryland and has been working for USDA since 1986.