

IX. Climate Change Science Module

Recently, you may have noticed that *global warming* has been getting some attention in the news. Global warming refers to the idea that the world's average temperature has been increasing over the past 150 years, may be increasing more in the future, and that the world's climate may change as a result.

1. What do you think: Do you think that global warming is happening?
☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Don't know
2. Assuming global warming is happening, do you think it is...
Check one.
☐ Caused entirely by human activities
☐ Caused mostly by human activities
☐ Caused about equally by human activities and natural changes in the environment
☐ Caused mostly by natural changes in the environment
☐ Caused entirely by natural changes in the environment
☐ None of the above because global warming isn't happening
3. Which comes closest to your own view?
Check one.
☐ Most scientists think global warming is happening
☐ There is a lot of disagreement among scientists about whether or not global warming is happening
☐ Most scientists think global warming is not happening
☐ Don't know enough to say
4. Which of the following statements comes closest to your view?
Check one.
☐ Global warming isn't happening
☐ Humans can't reduce global warming, even if it is happening
☐ Humans could reduce global warming, but people aren't willing to change their behavior, so we're not going to
☐ Humans could reduce global warming, but it's unclear at this point whether we will do what's needed
☐ Humans can reduce global warming, and we are going to do so successfully

5. How worried are you about global warming?

Check one.

Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not very Worried	Not at all Worried
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6. How worried are you about global warming impacting your wooded land in <STATE>?

Check one.

Very Worried	Somewhat Worried	Not very Worried	Not at all Worried
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If you indicated Very Worried or Somewhat Worried in 6, please go to the next questions, 7.

If you indicated Not Very Worried or Not At All Worried in 6, please skip the next question and go to question 8.

7. Related to global warming impacting your wooded land in <STATE>, please indicate how strongly you agree or disagree with the following statements.

Check one box for each item.

	Strongly agree	Agree	Neither agree nor disagree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree
Droughts will be a bigger problem					
Earlier than normal spring frosts will be a bigger problem					
Flooding will be a bigger problem					
Ice storms will be a bigger problem					
Invasive plant species will be a bigger problem					
Later than normal autumn frosts will be a bigger problem					
Unwanted insects or diseases will be a bigger problem					
Wildfire will be a bigger problem					
Wind damage will be a bigger problem					

8. Which, if any, of the following activities have occurred on your wooded land in <STATE> in the **past 5 years** in order to help limit or adapt to the potential impacts of global warming?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Increased the number of drought tolerant trees
- ☐ Increased the number of trees found in warmer areas
- ☐ Increased the mixture of tree species
- ☐ Increased the mixture of tree ages, including seedlings and saplings
- ☐ Reduced the density/number of trees to limit moisture stress
- ☐ Reduced the number of small trees and other plants to minimize wildfire risk
- ☐ Reduced/eliminated invasive plants
- ☐ Planted trees not currently found on my wooded land
- ☐ None of the above

9. Which of the following activities will likely occur on your wooded land in <STATE> **in the next 5 years** in order to help limit or adapt to the potential impacts of global warming?

Check all that apply.

- ☐ Increase the number of drought tolerant trees
- ☐ Increase the number of trees found in warmer areas
- ☐ Increase the mixture of tree species
- ☐ Increase the mixture of tree ages, including seedlings and saplings
- ☐ Reduce the density/number of trees to limit moisture stress
- ☐ Reduce the abundance of small trees and other plants to minimize wildfire risk
- ☐ Reduce/eliminate invasive plants
- ☐ Plant trees not currently found on my wooded land
- ☐ None of the above
- ☐ I don't know