

Having lived in a rural area for over 30 years I can clearly see this area is getting dryer for longer periods of time. The climate here has definately changed. Roses in the garden never loose their leaves during the winter any more, fruit trees blossem out of season and almost the entire garden needs to be covered with shade cloth just to stay alive - despite regular watering.

We need more active attention to coping with this new reality and to decreasing our use of carbon generating materials. If this entails a new economic model by which to run the country then where are the new ideas?

Lee Miller