



DROUGHT STATUS UPDATE

Short-term Drought Status Summary *as reflected in the August 30, 2011 U.S. Drought Monitor*

During August, the widely variable monsoon precipitation brought some relief to Cochise, Graham and Greenlee counties in the southeast, with exceptional drought (D4) retreating back near the New Mexico border. At the same time, however, extreme drought (D3) advanced westward to central Pima County and southeastern Pinal County.

Apache County benefitted from some rainfall near the New Mexico border, and severe drought (D2) retreated to the south and west. Yavapai County has had a very dry monsoon season changing from no drought to moderate drought (D1), and even Mohave County saw the spread of abnormally dry (D0) conditions.

The simultaneous advance and retreat of drought categories across the state is testament to how localized the monsoon precipitation has been this summer. A few heavy downpours have occurred while areas a few miles away have remained very dry. As the monsoon winds down, the chances for significant widespread precipitation are becoming smaller, and the probability is increasing that drought impacts will continue into the fall.

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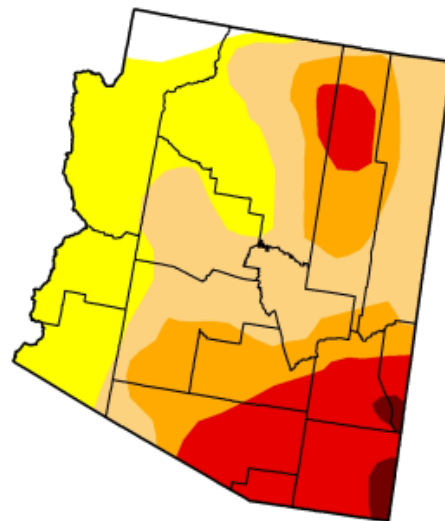
U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

August 30, 2011
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	2.41	97.59	70.17	39.12	18.99	1.35
Last Week (08/23/2011 map)	2.41	97.59	61.56	33.69	12.93	2.08
3 Months Ago (05/31/2011 map)	22.51	77.49	56.26	28.69	15.59	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/28/2010 map)	31.40	68.60	32.45	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/28/2010 map)	40.00	60.00	18.58	3.23	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago (08/24/2010 map)	40.00	60.00	12.49	3.17	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

- D0 Abnormally Dry
- D1 Drought - Moderate
- D2 Drought - Severe
- D3 Drought - Extreme
- D4 Drought - Exceptional



The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for forecast statements.

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