

Drought Status Report

August 2012

Monsoon activity kicked into high gear in August for central and northwestern Arizona. Most of the state has now had nearly average rainfall for the summer, though we still have a deficit from the dry winter and spring.

The extreme drought condition (D3) across Maricopa, Pinal and La Paz counties has improved to severe drought (D2), while the severe drought condition that encompassed most of the state has improved to moderate drought (D1) stretching from Mohave County in the northwest along the Mogollon Rim to Cochise County in the southeast. The extreme drought in the northeast has improved slightly in eastern Coconino and central Apache counties.

More rainfall is forecast for the rest of September, which will bring further improvements, though the deficit of moisture is likely to remain beyond the end of the monsoon.

U.S. Drought Monitor

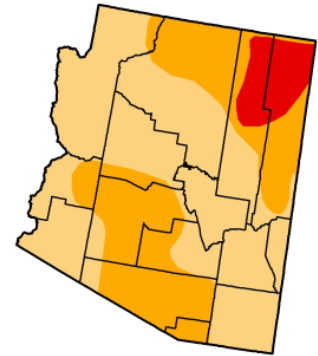
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Arizona

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	100.00	41.70	6.89	0.00
Last Week (08/28/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	41.68	7.46	0.00
3 Months Ago (06/05/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	96.08	82.74	16.29	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	16.70	83.30	60.34	36.56	2.78	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/27/2011 map)	0.02	99.98	69.76	42.81	15.34	1.67
One Year Ago (08/30/2011 map)	2.41	97.59	70.17	39.12	18.99	1.35

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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