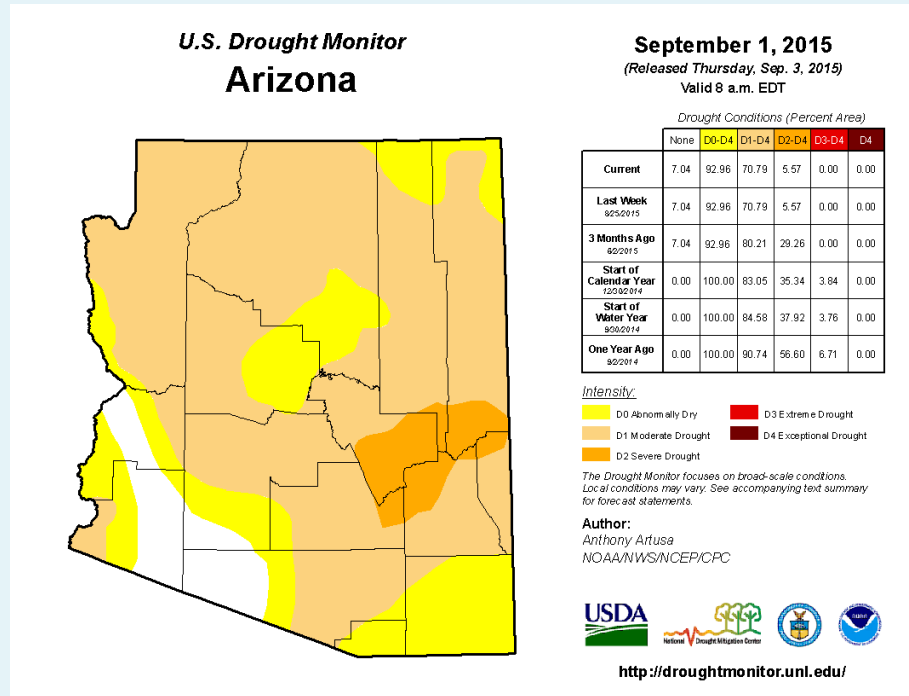


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August was relatively wet in the southeastern part of the state as well as the northeast plateau. Southern Navajo county and central Graham and Greenlee counties improved from severe drought to moderate drought. Cochise County improved from moderate drought to abnormally dry, with only the northeast corner remaining in moderate drought.



These improvements are significant as the southern counties depend on monsoonal rainfall since few winter storms reach to Arizona's southern border. With the current strengthening of the El Niño pattern, there may be continued improvement across southern Arizona through the fall and winter. Strong El Niños tend to bring wetter than normal conditions through the winter to the southern tier of the United States.

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