

Drought Status Report

March 2013

Only one significant winter storm impacted Arizona, and this occurred on March 8 and 9. Many areas of the state received rain and/or snowfall, but the totals still left most of the state far short of normal precipitation for the month of March.

The exception was in northern Gila County, which received enough precipitation to improve from abnormally dry (D0) to no drought. It is the only area of the state without a current drought condition.

The rest of the month was dry except in far northern and eastern Arizona which had a few small minor rain/snow events. As March ends, our normal dry spring season begins, and very little or no recovery is expected until the monsoon.

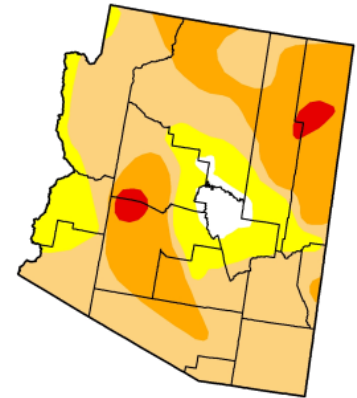
U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

March 26, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	3.06	96.94	80.11	29.72	2.03	0.00
Last Week (03/19/2013 map)	3.06	96.94	80.11	29.72	2.03	0.00
3 Months Ago (12/25/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.50	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.68	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	31.93	5.67	0.00
One Year Ago (03/20/2012 map)	0.47	99.53	93.25	60.47	8.54	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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