



Drought Status Update

May 2010

Short-term Drought Status Update

Dry spring conditions have continued through May, so the short-term drought status has not changed significantly. May was much cooler than normal across most of Arizona, somewhat reducing water demand at this time of year. Although the precipitation maps indicate our May precipitation was less than 25% of average, May is our driest month, with even the wettest locations averaging less than an inch of rain. There is still no clear indication of how wet the monsoon season will be, so we continue to closely monitor the short-term drought conditions, particularly since the seasonal outlook for the next three months is for warmer than average temperatures across Arizona.

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U.S. Drought Monitor

Arizona

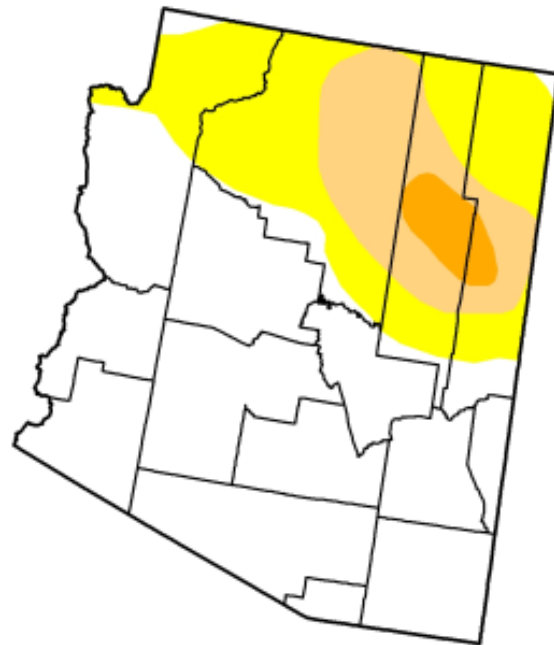
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	63.9	36.1	14.4	2.7	0.0	0.0
Last Week (06/01/2010 map)	63.4	36.6	14.4	2.7	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (03/16/2010 map)	28.5	71.5	27.6	9.0	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/05/2010 map)	0.0	100.0	97.2	71.1	5.1	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/06/2009 map)	1.4	98.6	80.3	10.7	0.0	0.0
One Year Ago (06/09/2009 map)	35.2	64.8	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0

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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