

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

May 2019

During the month of May, winter-like storms crossed the Southwest and precipitation was above average throughout northern Arizona. This led to a slight short-term drought improvement in northeastern Coconino and Apache counties.

May short-term drought map portrays drought-free conditions in 84.31% of the State, and abnormally Dry (D0) or Moderate Drought (D1) conditions in 15.69%. Long-term drought conditions, however, still persist across most of Arizona.

Improved drought conditions are anticipated in early June as snow will continue to melt from the Chuska Mountains and flow into neighboring streams.

Weak El Niño conditions will continue to linger at least into the early summer. While El Niño has much less influence during the summer, there are indications that the push of monsoon moisture and thunderstorms may be slightly delayed this year as a result of this El Niño.

