



Drought Status Update

November 2010

Short-term Drought Status Update

November was extremely dry across the southern half of Arizona, with less than 5% of average precipitation. A few winter storms did cross northern Arizona, bringing rain and snow mostly to the northwestern quarter of the state. The Colorado Plateau, across northeastern Coconino County and central Navajo County, which had been relatively dry last winter, is once again being passed over by the winter storms. This is reflected in an enlarged area of D1, moderate drought. Across much of Arizona the vegetation has entered a dormant stage, so precipitation received at this time is more important to water resources than agriculture or rangeland conditions.

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U.S. Drought Monitor

Arizona

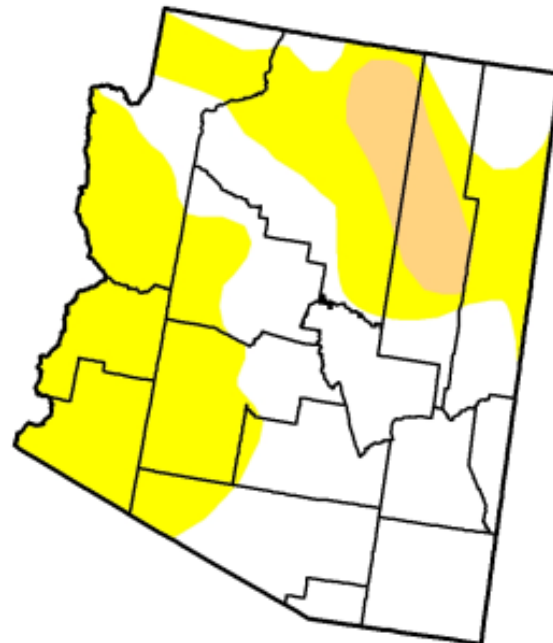
November 30, 2010
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	50.5	49.5	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Last Week (11/23/2010 map)	51.2	48.8	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (09/07/2010 map)	40.0	60.0	12.5	3.2	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 (10/05/2010 map)	40.0	60.0	18.6	3.2	0.0	0.0
One Year Ago (12/01/2009 map)	0.0	100.0	97.2	75.6	5.7	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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