

Arizona Short-term Drought Status Report

November 2018

The effects of the heavy precipitation in October, along with some precipitation in November, have led to drought improvements across southern Arizona. Streamflow, however, is still very low throughout much of the state.

Most of Yuma County improved from Severe Drought (D2) to Moderate Drought (D1), while eastern Yuma County through Pima and Cochise counties improved from Moderate Drought to Abnormally Dry (D0).

Northeastern Arizona, and specifically northern Navajo and Apache counties benefited very little from the moisture and remain in Extreme Drought (D3) and Exceptional Drought (D4).

El Niño conditions are becoming more pronounced across the Pacific and will persist through the winter, possibly into the spring. Odds are tilted towards a warmer than normal winter. The chances of precipitation, however, are shifted only slightly towards wetter conditions over the next several months.

