

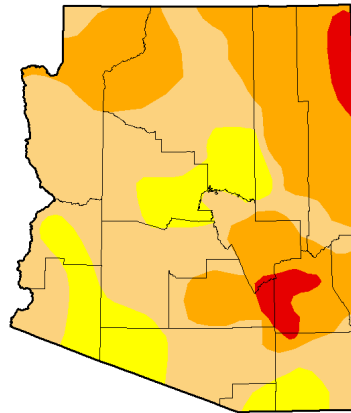
Drought Status Report

October 2014 Short-term Drought Status

October's short-term drought status remains the same as September's, reflecting significant short-term drought relief brought by the monsoon to most parts of the state. The area of the state in extreme drought dropped from 16.8% at the end of June to 3.75% at the end of October, and the area in severe drought decreased from 76% to 38% over the summer. The improvement was largely due to a series of tropical storms that brought moisture northward from the Gulf of California, resulting in heavy rainfall through much of the state in August and September. The only part of the state that did not benefit from monsoon rainfall was the northeast.

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D1	D1-D2	D2-D3	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	84.56	37.76	3.75	0.00
Last Week 10/22/14	0.00	100.00	84.56	37.76	3.75	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/29/14	0.00	100.00	97.88	68.25	16.84	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 1/1/14	20.72	79.28	53.59	14.73	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 6/1/14	0.00	100.00	84.58	37.92	3.76	0.00
One Year Ago 10/28/13	14.04	85.16	61.92	25.28	0.00	0.00

Intensity
 D0 Abnormally Dry D3 Extreme Drought
 D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought
 D2 Severe Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions. Local conditions may vary. See accompanying text summary for more detail statements.

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Long-term Drought Status: July — September 2014

Monsoon precipitation brought improvements to long-term drought, most notably in the Verde, Agua Fria, and Lower Colorado River watersheds. These three watersheds all improved by one category, and one watershed (Lower Colorado) has no drought.

The very wet monsoon likely caused some improvement on many other watersheds in central and southern Arizona (such as the San Pedro), but not enough to compensate for longer term drought conditions over the entire watershed.

The next update in early February will reflect the conditions of October, November and December..

