

Drought Status Report

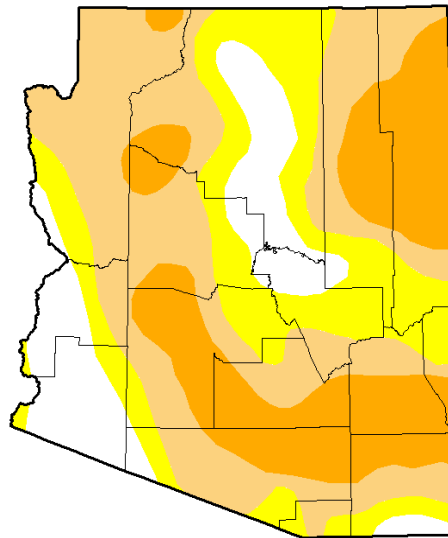
September 2013

The very active monsoon in late August and early September tapped into tropical moisture from several eastern Pacific hurricanes and tropical storms. The rainfall resulted in drought status improvements, although southern Arizona did not benefit as much as northern, western and central Arizona.

Around the state, all areas of extreme drought (D3), have improved to severe (D2), and many areas of severe drought have improved to abnormally dry. For the first time in a year there are areas with no drought at all, including northern Gila, central Coconino and most of Yuma County.

Over the entire monsoon, central and northern Arizona came out near or above normal for precipitation, while the precipitation in southern Arizona was a bit more variable than the rest of the state. Hopefully the coming months will have near average precipitation so the improvements will not be short-lived. There is no clear guidance for precipitation over the next three months, though the winter is expected to be drier than average in Arizona.

U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00
Last Week 9/24/2013	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 7/2/2013	0.00	100.00	92.46	74.35	27.40	3.04
Start of Calendar Year 1/2/2013	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.68	0.00
Start of Water Year	-	-	-	-	-	-
One Year Ago 10/2/2012	0.00	100.00	100.00	31.42	5.67	0.00

Intensity:

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

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

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