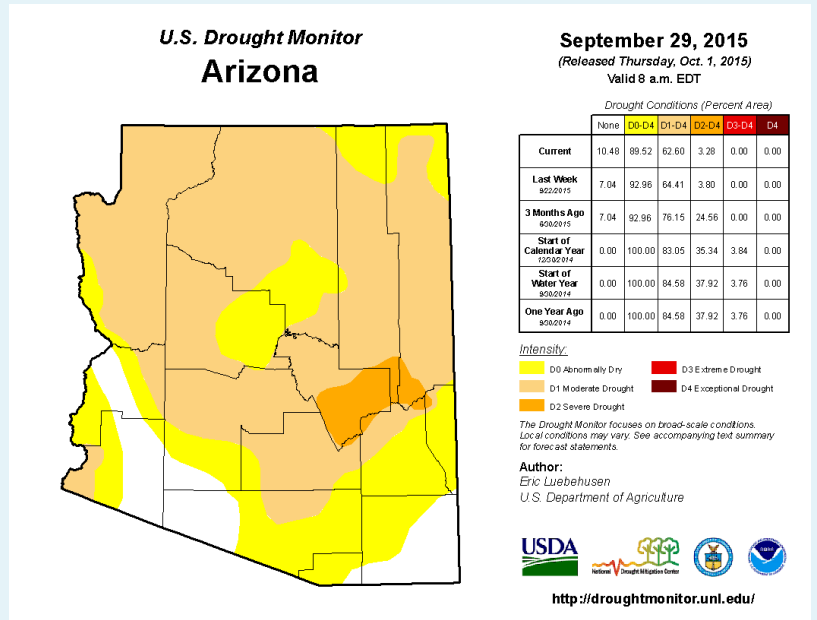


Short-term Drought Status Report

September 2015

The monsoon activity in September continued strong in the southeastern quarter of the state, bringing above average rainfall. The rains improved the short-term drought conditions in Greenlee, Graham, Pinal, Pima, Cochise, and southern Apache counties. Greenlee, most of Graham, and half of Pima counties improved to abnormally dry from moderate drought, and half of Cochise County is now drought free.

The monsoon brought isolated pockets of above average rainfall to other areas, including the Colorado Plateau in southern Coconino and Navajo counties, but was not enough to bring improvement of drought conditions. Similarly the few heavy rain events in western and northwestern Arizona brought flooding, but little drought relief. The El Niño is continuing to strengthen and brings a strong probability for a wetter than average winter across the state. If that occurs, further drought improvement would follow.



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