The monsoon activity ended early this season leaving much of southeastern, eastern, and central Arizona abnormally dry (D0).

Thunderstorm activity was highly localized with some areas receiving ample rainfall, but the majority of precipitation accumulated from middle of July to the beginning of August. Below average precipitation through the latter half of August and all of September combined with warm temperatures contributed to the dryness for the end of summer.

While a low-pressure system could bring isolated showers to the southeast part of the state in early October, rainfall totals are not likely to be significant. Drought conditions are not anticipated to show improvement with the climate outlook for the next three months showing a high probability for warmer than normal temperatures.

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