

Drought Status Report

August 2013

Areas of exceptional (D4), extreme (D3), and severe (D2) drought have been reduced as the monsoon has been wetter than normal across northern portions of the state.

Although the rainfall has been spotty, numerous locations have seen improvement due to moisture from tropical storms Juliette and Kiko that moved northward along Baja California. Yuma County and the lower Colorado River valley have been very wet over the past month.

While the wet monsoon has been a welcome change to the dryness over the past year, the soil-moisture deficit from the last several dry years continues and the long-term drought effects on water resources have not been alleviated.

U.S. Drought Monitor

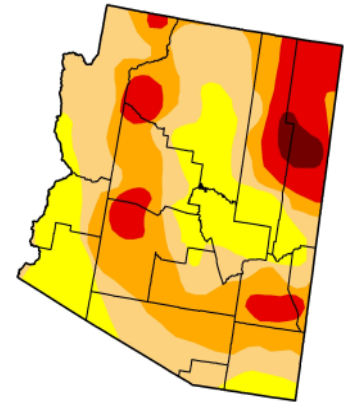
September 3, 2013
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Arizona

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	76.23	42.31	15.55	1.94
Last Week (08/27/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	85.78	48.82	19.37	3.04
3 Months Ago (06/04/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	92.49	72.53	19.67	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (01/01/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.68	0.00
Start of Water Year (09/25/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	31.93	5.67	0.00
One Year Ago (08/28/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	41.68	7.46	0.00

Intensity:

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



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

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