



Drought Status Update

June 2010

Short-term Drought Status Update

Dry conditions continued across Arizona through June, with little rainfall since April in most areas of the state. A few scattered storms brought some light rain showers to high elevation areas across northern and eastern Arizona, but many locations experienced dry thunderstorms. The dryness, coupled with above normal temperatures and above-average winds - especially in the southern and southeastern part of the state - has increased the fire danger across much of the forest and rangeland. The Colorado Plateau continues to have moderate to severe drought across Coconino, Navajo and Apache counties. The southern rangeland has experienced above-average winds and is also quite dry awaiting the arrival of monsoon moisture that will bring much needed rainfall. Southern Arizona had a relatively dry winter, so the summer rains will be very important for replenishing stockponds and aquifers and greening up rangeland vegetation.

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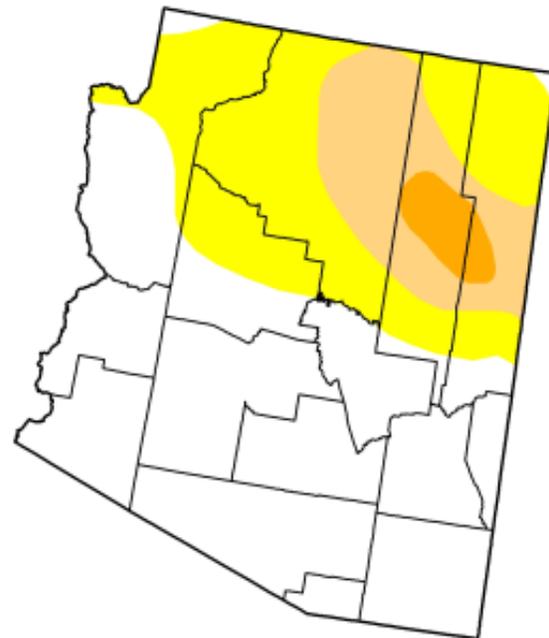
U.S. Drought Monitor

Arizona

June 29, 2010
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Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	58.1	41.9	14.6	2.7	0.0	0.0
Last Week (06/22/2010 map)	59.8	40.3	14.6	2.7	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (04/06/2010 map)	33.0	67.0	14.4	2.7	0.0	0.0
Start of Calendar Year (01/05/2010 map)	0.0	100.0	97.2	71.1	5.1	0.0
Start of Water Year (10/06/2009 map)	1.4	98.6	80.3	10.7	0.0	0.0
One Year Ago (06/30/2009 map)	38.2	61.8	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0



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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