

Drought Status Report

June 2013

The dry spell in spring has continued into early summer as there was no significant rainfall during the month of June. The dryness, coupled with record-breaking high temperatures from a heat wave, has worsened the drought conditions, especially in northern Arizona. Extreme drought (D3) has expanded in western Coconino and northern Navajo and Apache counties, and exceptional drought (D4) has appeared in central Navajo and Apache counties.

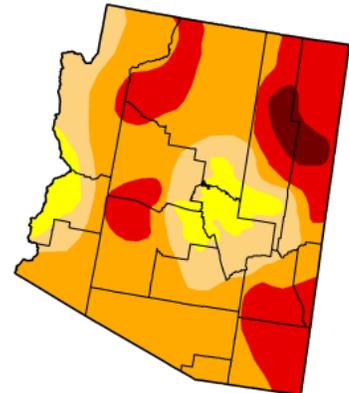
U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona

July 2, 2013
Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	92.46	74.35	27.40	3.04
Last Week (06/25/2013 map)	0.00	100.00	92.49	74.44	23.48	0.00
3 Months Ago (04/02/2013 map)	3.06	96.94	80.11	29.72	2.03	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 (06/26/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.72	25.07	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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The Navajo Nation has re-affirmed their drought declaration state of emergency as wells, watering holes, and stock ponds have run dry. Communities that have not previously had to haul water are now hauling water. Precipitation is below 50% of normal across most of the Navajo Nation, and below 25% of normal in the last 3 months, reducing the nutritional value of range feed for livestock.

The impacts of the dryness on wildfires has become apparent in the past month as several fast-moving wildfires have moved through Yavapai County, tragically killing 19 firefighters, and destroying numerous homes. Until the monsoon delivers significant rainfall, wildfire danger will continue to be high.

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