



Drought Status Update

March 2010

Short-term Drought Status Update

Due to the above average precipitation in west central Arizona over the past six months, there is currently no short term drought in La Paz, Greenlee, eastern Cochise, southern Mohave, southern Yavapai, southwestern Gila, northern Maricopa, and most of Yuma counties. While most of Arizona has enjoyed extremely wet conditions over the past 2-3 months, the Colorado Plateau has large areas of central Navajo and Apache counties that have been drier than average. These areas in the Colorado Plateau remain in severe drought, while much of south central remains abnormally dry for the short term. If the current storm pattern continues, significant green-up is expected during spring over the rangeland.

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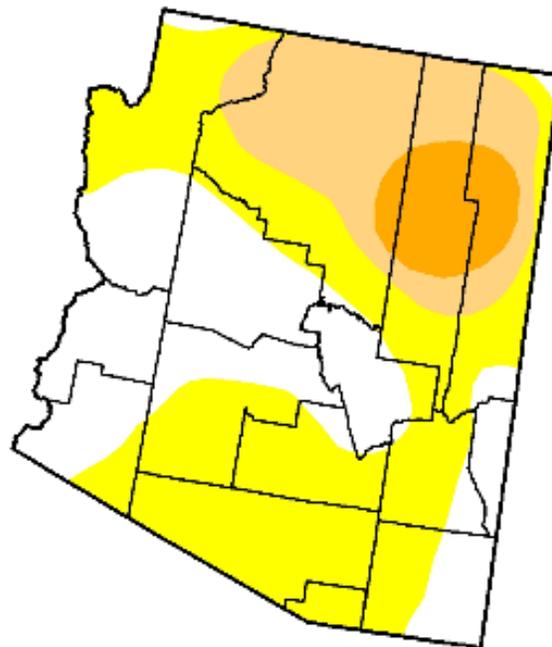
U.S. Drought Monitor

Arizona

March 23, 2010
Valid 7 a.m. EST

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	33.0	67.0	24.0	6.4	0.0	0.0
Last Week (03/16/2010 map)	28.5	71.5	27.6	9.0	0.0	0.0
3 Months Ago (12/29/2009 map)	0.0	100.0	97.2	71.2	5.1	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 (03/24/2009 map)	59.7	40.3	1.7	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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