

Drought Status Report

November 2012

November was very dry statewide, with only one significant storm system passing through early in the month, dropping an inch or less of rain across the Mogollon Rim and eastern Arizona. The dry November conditions are a continuation of a dry 2012 water year. The driest area, now in extreme drought (D3), is in Maricopa County, which has received less than 50% of average rainfall over the past 3-, 6-, and 12-month periods, and less than 25% of average rainfall for the past 60 days.

The winter outlook is for warmer than normal conditions, with no strong signal for whether winter will be relatively wet or relatively dry. Unfortunately, the start of the winter season is dry so far, and the weak El Niño that was developing has disappeared, giving way to neutral conditions. Warmer than normal conditions for winter do not bode well for a good snowpack, as potential snow may fall as rain at the mid-elevations.

U.S. Drought Monitor

November 27, 2012

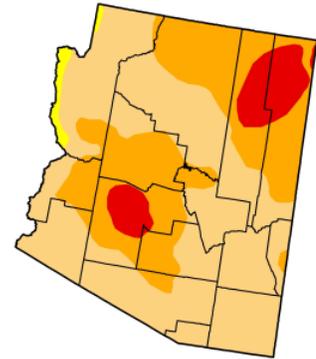
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Arizona

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	0.00	100.00	98.66	41.43	8.14	0.00
Last Week (11/20/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	98.66	34.10	5.67	0.00
3 Months Ago (08/28/2012 map)	0.00	100.00	100.00	41.68	7.46	0.00
Start of Calendar Year (12/27/2011 map)	16.70	83.30	60.34	36.56	2.78	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 (11/22/2011 map)	1.53	98.47	72.24	48.80	29.99	1.24

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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