Summer and Fall Climate Outlook

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Presentation Overview

- Act I: The Drought
- Act II: The Monsoon
- Act III: The El Niño







U.S. Drought Monitor Arizona



U.S. Drought Monitor



July 2, 2013 (Released Thursday, Jul. 4, 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 6/25/2013	0.00	100.00	92.49	74.44	23.48	0.00	
3 Month s Ago 4/2/2013	3.06	96.94	80.11	29.72	2.03	0.00	
Start of Calend ar Year 1/1/2013	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.68	0.00	
Start of Water Year 9/25/2012	0.00	100.00	100.00	31.93	5.67	0.00	
One Year Ago 7/3/2012	0.00	100.00	100.00	93.78	25.07	0.00	

Intensity:

D0 Abnom ally Dry D3 Extreme Drought D1 Moderate Drought D2 Severe Drought

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

Author: Matthew Rosencrans CPC/NCEP/NWS/NOAA

http://droughtmonitor.unl.edu/

January 7, 2014 (Released Thursday, Jan. 9, 2014) Valid 7 a.m. EST

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)						
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	
Current	16.08	83.92	57.19	24.66	0.00	0.00	
Last Week 12/31/2013	20.72	79.28	53.58	14.73	0.00	0.00	
3 Month s Ago 10/8/2013	15.00	85.00	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00	
Start of Calendar Year 12/31/2013	20.72	79.28	53.58	14.73	0.00	0.00	
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00	
One Year Ago 1/8/2013	0.00	100.00	97.82	37.78	8.68	0.00	

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D1 Moderate Drought D4 Exceptional Drought D2 Severe Drought

D3 Extreme Drought

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October 1, 2013 (Released Thursday, Oct. 3, 2013) Valid 7 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)							
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4	
Current	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00	
Last Week 9/24/2013	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00	
3 Month s Ago 7/2/2013	0.00	100.00	92.46	74.35	27.40	3.04	
Start of Calendar Year 1/1/2013	0.00	100.00	97.91	37.78	8.68	0.00	
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00	
One Year Ago 10/2/2012	0.00	100.00	100.00	31.42	5.67	0.00	

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Author:

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April 8, 2014 (Released Thursday, Apr. 10, 2014) Valid 8 a.m. EDT

	Drought Conditions (Percent Area)					
	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4		D4
Current	0.00	100.00	88.56	57.06	5.18	0.00
Last Week 4/1/2014	0.00	100.00	87.99	57.01	5.18	0.00
3 Month s Ago 1/7/2014	16.08	83.92	57.19	24.66	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 12/3 1/2013	20.72	79.28	53.58	14.73	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 10/1/2013	14.83	85.17	61.91	25.28	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 4/9/2013	3.06	96.94	81.30	41.15	5.63	0.00

Intensity:



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Author:

for forecast statements.

Brian Fuchs National Drought Mitigation Center



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Water-year Precipitation

CONUS + Puerto Rico: Current Water-Year (Oct 1) Observed Precipitation Valid at 7/7/2014 1200 UTC- Created 7/7/14 19:51 UTC







Water-year Precipitation

CONUS + Puerto Rico: Current Water-Year (Oct 1) Percent of Normal Precipitation Valid at 7/7/2014 1200 UTC- Created 7/7/14 19:52 UTC







Water-year Temperature

Departure from Normal Temperature (F) 10/1/2013 - 7/6/2014





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Short-term Drought Conditions



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Long-term Drought Conditions



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http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/psd/map/images/rnl/500z_90b.rnl.gif



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Hydroclimatology 101





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What does it take to produce precipitation?

Precipitation

Vertical Atmospheric Motion

Atmospheric Moisture (water vapor)





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Where does Arizona's atmospheric moisture come from?

- Moisture Advection: Water evaporates into atmosphere over ocean areas and moves over continental areas
- Moisture Recycling: Precipitation initially from advection re-enters atmosphere from evapotranspiration





Wet soil/active vegetation = ET



Lifting Mechanisms

- 1. Convection: Intense heating at surface causes buoyancy
- 2. Orographic Lifting: Air is forced up and over physical barrier
- 3. Frontal Lifting: Air masses of different temperature/moisture levels force vertical motion







http://www.angliacampus.com/public/pri/geog/rivers/page04a.htm



North American Monsoon System





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North American Monsoon & Arizona

- Monsoon: from Arabic mawsim meaning season, refers to seasonal change in wind direction
- Start of Monsoon in AZ (now 6-15 through 9/30)
 - Tucson NWS: 3 consecutive days of average daily dew point >= 54 °F
 - Phoenix NWS: 3 consecutive days of average daily dew point >= 55 °F
- Monsoon start dates for Tucson
 - Average start July 3rd
 - Earliest start June 17 2000
 - Latest start July 25 1987
- No official criteria for end of monsoon in AZ; typically Sept 30th is used in Tucson





Seasonality of Circulation Patterns







Upper Level Flow - May



Upper Level Flow - June





Upper Level Flow - July





Average low-level moisture: June NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis

Surface Precipitable Water (kg/m^2) Climatology 1981-2010 climo



Jun

MOIST

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Jul

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Aug

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Average low-level moisture: Sept NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis

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http://tropic.ssec.wisc.edu/real-time/mimic-tpw/epac/main.html





Summer Precip (July-Aug-Sep)



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-	50	100	200	300	400	500	600	800	





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Arizona Monsoon



JAS Percent of Annual Rainfall

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Total Monsoon Rainfall





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NV

CO Four Corners High Pressure (15,000 ft.)

CO. River Valley Surface Thermal Low NM Mid-level moisture from Gulf of Mexico

Low-level moisture from Gulf of California

Core Monsoon Area (abundant tropical moisture, frequent thunderstorm activity)

PACIFIC OCEAN

Conceptual diagram of key circulation features of the North American Monsoon System

GULF OF MEXICO

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Summer 2013





NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Mean



NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Mean









http://cals.arizona.edu/climate/misc/monsoon/monsoon_summaries.html http://cals.arizona.edu/climate/misc/monsoon/monsoon_summaries.html





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Climate Outlooks





Forecasting the monsoon season (don't try this at home)

- Things to look for...
 - Position of the subtropical ridge
 - El Niño-Southern Oscillation
 - East Pacific SSTs
- Monthly to seasonal precipitation patterns are driven largely by day to day weather
- Tools include historical analogs and dynamical seasonal forecast models













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Snapshot current atmospheric moisture....





http://www.atmos.albany.edu/student/kgriffin/maps/pw_stdanom

El Niño, where are you!?!?





BY JOHN ROACH

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eady for a '90s El Niño flashback?

Researchers are keeping a close eye on a giant pool of abnormally warm water in the Pacific Ocean that some think could trigger another El Niño of epic proportions if it rises to the surface, sending weather patterns into a tizzy around the world.

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El Niño Could Grow Into a **Monster, New Data Show**

By Eric Holthaus

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The odds are increasing that an El Niño is in the works for 2014-and recent

forecasts show it might be a big one.

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Rot yet released



Atmosphere-Ocean Coupling







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Dominant Circulation Pattern: El Niño Winter







Subsurface water temperatures along equator...











CFSv2 forecast Nino3.4 SST anomalies (K)





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ENSO Forecast



http://iri.columbia.edu/our-expertise/climate/forecasts/enso/current/









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Interannual Climate Variability





What are El Niño and La Niña?



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Atmosphere-Ocean Coupling







Dominant Circulation Pattern: La Niña Winter



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Arizona ENSO Connection



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ENSO: 1982-2014

Historical Sea Surface Temperature Index



http://iri.columbia.edu/climate/ENSO



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NMME Forecast of SST Anom IC=201404 for 2014SON





July-Aug-Sep 1997




Oct-Nov-Dec 1997





Jan-Feb-Mar 1998



Closing Points

- Elevation, latitude, and ocean sea-surface temperatures create a complex Arizona climate
- Different mechanisms create summer versus winter precipitation
- Lots of opportunity for variability (spatially and temporally)
- Climate change is real and a reason for concern in Arizona







PACIFIC OCEAN

Conceptual diagram of key circulation features of the North American Monsoon System GULF OF MEXICO

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Mexico

Monsoon Day in Tucson

UofA Cloud Convection Experiment





Triggers of Thunderstorm Events



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Triggers of Thunderstorm Events

Thunderstorm Outflows









Triggers of Thunderstorm Events

Frontal Storms







NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Mean



Jul to Sep: 2006

NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Mean



Jul to Sep: 2009

NCEP/NCAR Reanalysis 500mb Geopotential Height (m) Composite Mean



Jul to Sep: 2013

Extent of NAMS



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courtesy W. Higgings http://www.cpc.noaa.gov/products/outreach/Report-to-the-Nation-Monsoon_aug04.pdf AV/G3/0101





500 hPa Hgt | GEFS Ens. Mean and Standardized Anomalies | North America | Fcst = 2.5 days Run at Thu 10–Jul–2014 06z | Valid: Sat 12–Jul–2014 18





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