



Drought Information Statement for Southeast Arizona

Valid September 22, 2025

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- This product will be updated by October 19, 2025 or sooner if drought conditions worsen significantly.
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 - Please visit <https://www.weather.gov/twc/DroughtInformationStatement> for previous statements.
 - Please visit <https://www.drought.gov/drought-status-updates/> for regional drought status updates.
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- Exceptional (D4) drought conditions is across most of Greenlee county and southeast portions of Cochise county.
 - The remainder of southeast Arizona is under Severe (D2) to Extreme (D3) drought conditions

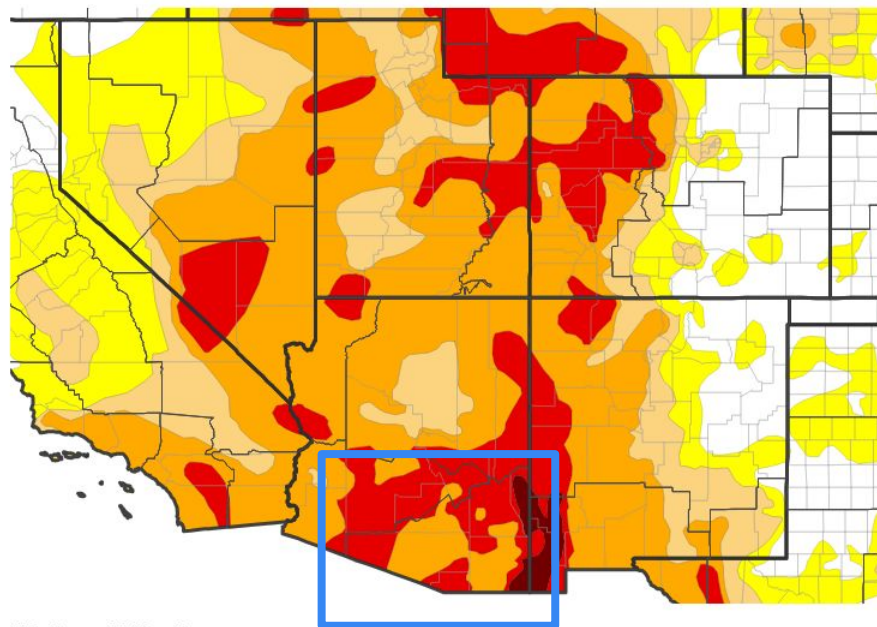


U.S. Drought Monitor

Link to the [latest U.S. Drought Monitor](#) for southeast Arizona

- Drought intensity and Extent
 - **D4 (Exceptional Drought)**: Most of Greenlee county and southeast Cochise county (east of a Portal to Douglas line).
 - **D3 (Extreme Drought)**: The remainder of Greenlee county; majority of Graham and Santa Cruz counties; portions of Cochise, Pinal and Pima counties.
 - **D2 (Severe Drought)**: The remainder of Pima, Pinal, Graham, Cochise & Santa Cruz counties.
 - **D1 (Moderate Drought)**: No areas.
 - **D0: (Abnormally Dry)**: No areas.

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Source(s): NDMC, NOAA, USDA; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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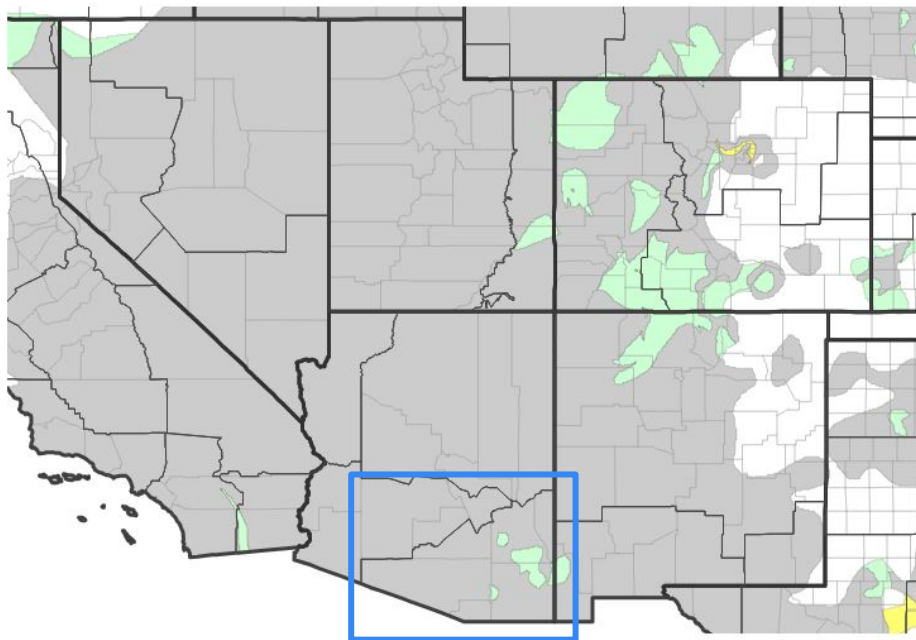


Recent Change in Drought Intensity

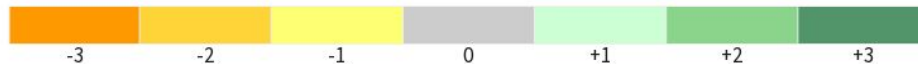
Link to the latest [4-week change map](#) for southeast Arizona

- One Week Drought Monitor Class Change.
 - **Drought Worsened:** No deterioration was observed.
 - **No Change:** Majority of southeast Arizona
 - **Drought Improved:** 1-category improvement for a few areas in Graham and Cochise counties.

U.S. Drought Monitor 1-Week Change Map



Drought Change Since Last Week



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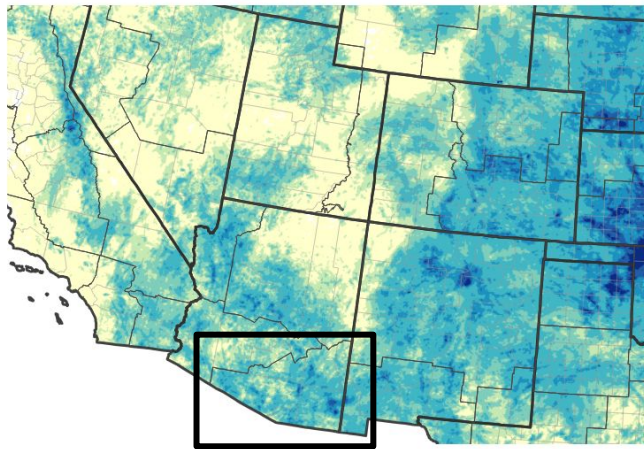




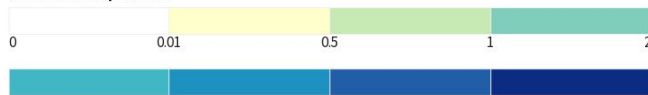
Precipitation

- Monsoon rainfall has been sporadic across southeast Arizona during the past month.
- Percentage of normal ranges widely from less than 25% to over 300%.

30-Day Precipitation Accumulations (Inches)



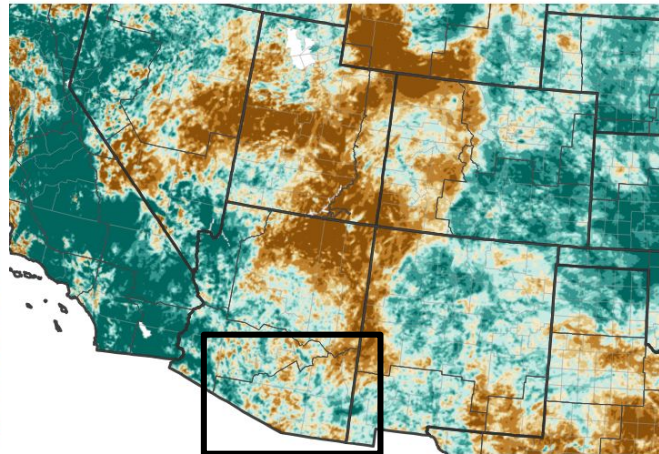
Inches of Precipitation



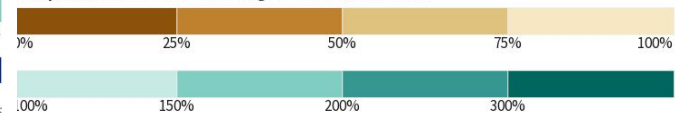
Source(s): National Weather Service Multi-Radar Multi-Sensor System;

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30-Day Percent of Normal Precipitation



Precipitation Shown as a Percentage of Normal Conditions



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Data over the past 30 days ending September 22, 2025

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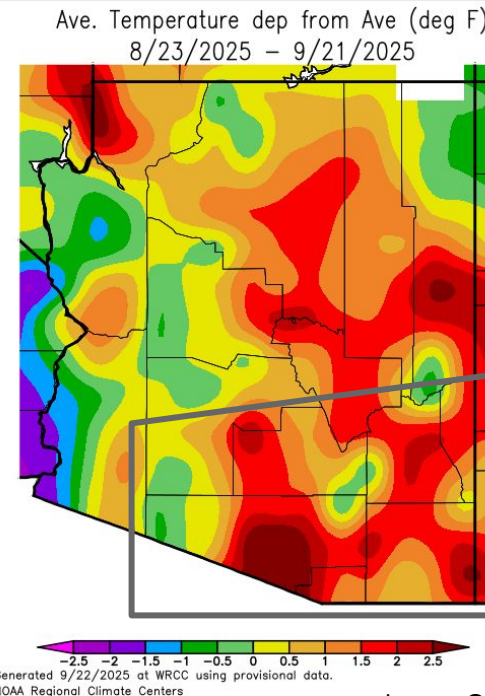
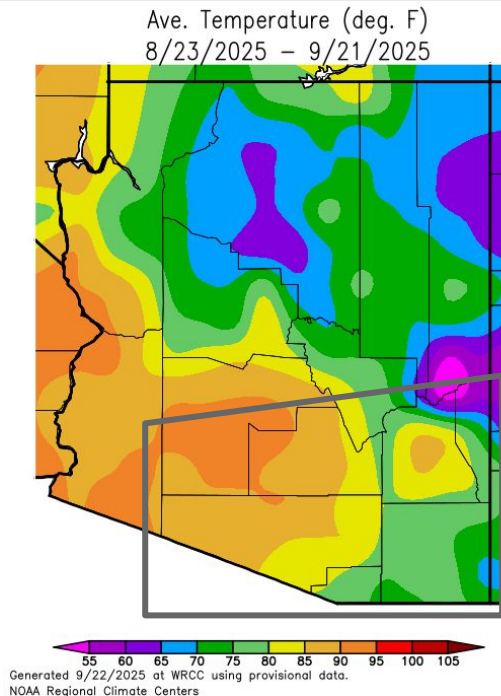
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Temperature

- The past 30 days has been warmer than normal across most of southeast Arizona with the largest departures above normal occurring across central Pima county.
- Western Pima county is the exception with that area being below normal during the past 30 days.



Left - [Average Temperature for Arizona w/southeast Arizona in highlighted gray box](#)
Right - [Departure from Normal Temperature for Arizona w/southeast Arizona in highlighted gray box](#)

Data Courtesy Western Regional Climate Center.
Data over the past 30 days ending September 21, 2025

Image Captions:



Summary of Impacts

Links: See/submit [Condition Monitoring Observer Reports \(CMOR\)](#) and view the [Drought Impacts Reporter](#)

Hydrologic Impacts

- Near normal streamflow conditions exist for most of the river basins. ([USGS Streamflow](#))

Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture values have decreased a bit across southeast Arizona. ([Soil Moisture Observations](#))

Fire Hazard Impacts

- Normal fire potential is expected over the next month.

Other Impacts

- There are no known impacts at this time.

Mitigation Actions

- Please refer to your municipality and/or water provider for mitigation information.

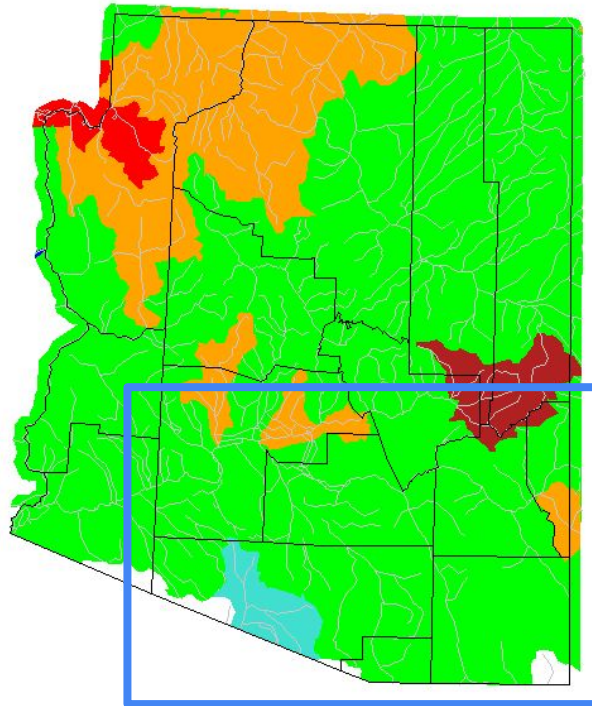




Hydrologic Conditions and Impacts

Sunday, September 21, 2025

- Near normal streamflow conditions exist across most the southeast Arizona.



Explanation - Percentile classes							
Low	<10	10-24	25-75	76-90	>90	High	No Data
	Much below normal	Below normal	Normal	Above normal	Much above normal		

Image Caption: USGS 7 day average streamflow HUC map valid September 21, 2025





Agricultural Impacts

- Soil moisture values have decreased a bit across portions of southeast Arizona.

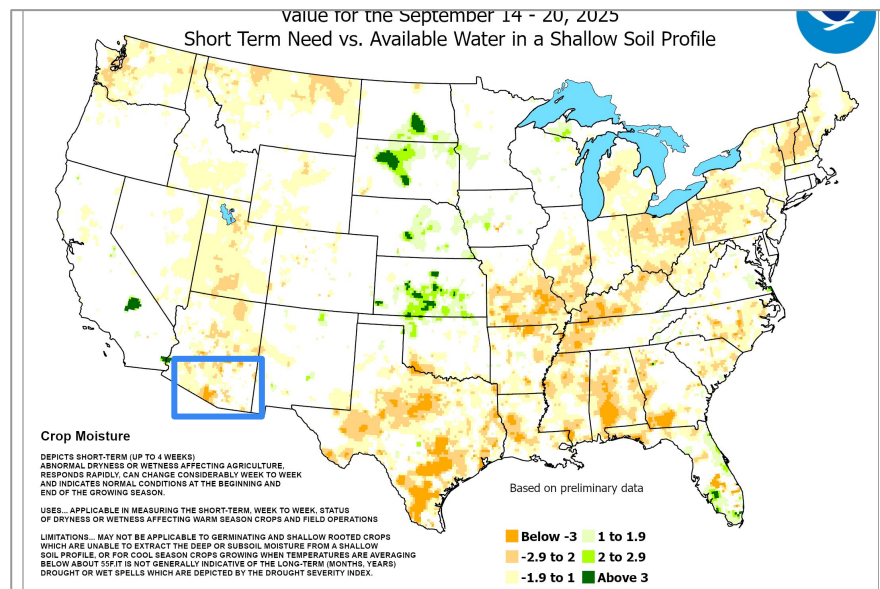
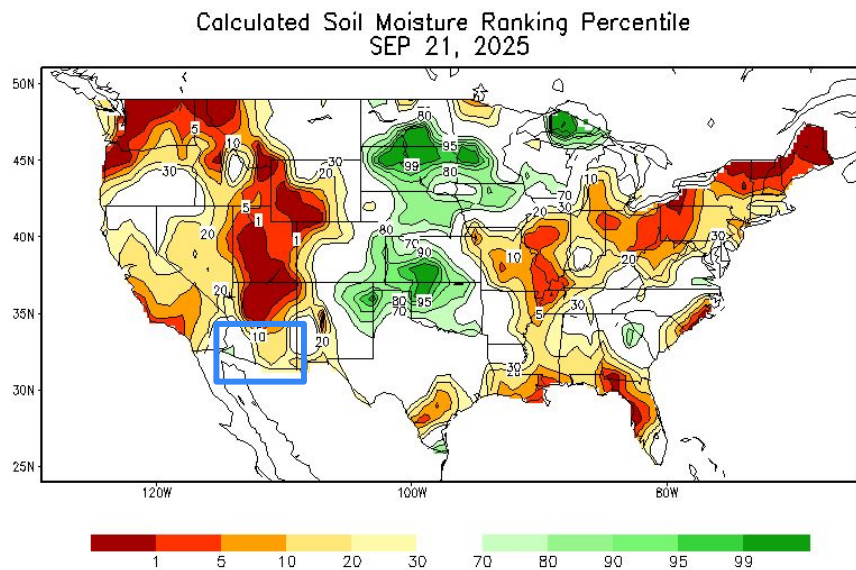


Image Captions:

Left: CPC Calculated [Soil Moisture Ranking Percentile](#) valid September 21, 2025
Right: [Crop Moisture Index](#). Weekly value for period ending September 20, 2025





Fire Hazard Impacts

Link to [Wildfire Potential Outlooks from the National Interagency Coordination Center](#).

- Normal fire potential is expected in October & November.

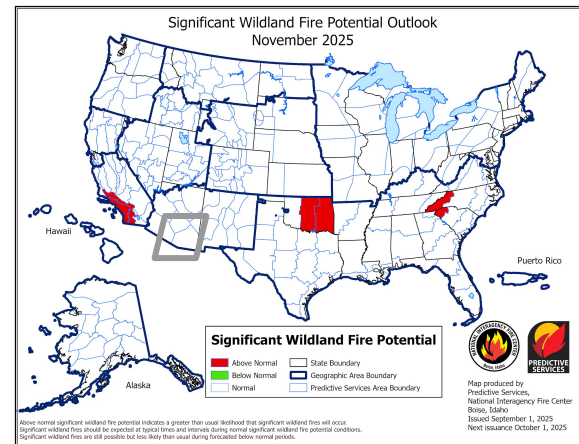
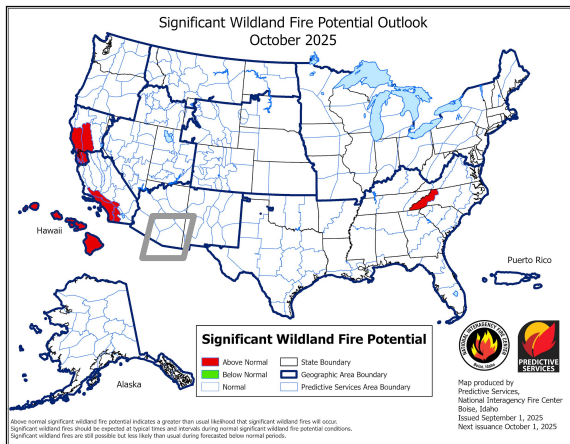


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The two images are for Significant Wildland Fire Monthly for the following months: Left: [October](#); Right: [November](#)

[National Wildland Significant Fire Potential Outlook text](#) issued September 1, 2025



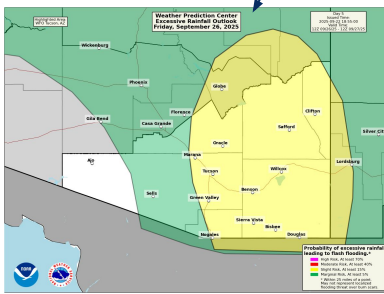
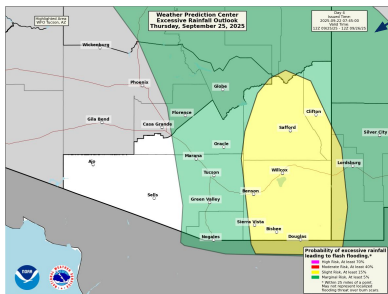
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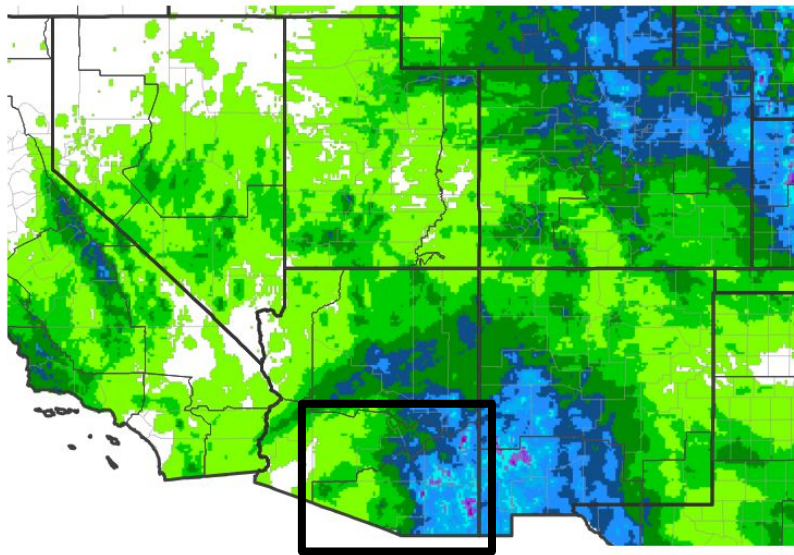


Seven Day Precipitation Forecast

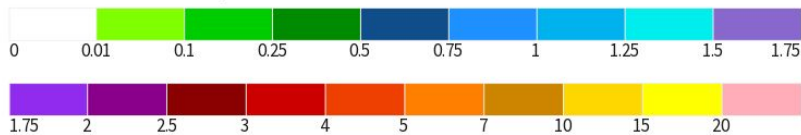
- Low-grade monsoon activity through Wednesday, September 24th, then an uptick in daily thunderstorm activity from Thursday, September 25th, through Saturday, September 27th as a slow moving upper low will be impacting the area.
- There will be a daily risk for isolated heavy rainfall Thursday through Saturday.
- [WPC](#) has portions of SE Arizona under a slight risk (15%) of Excessive Rainfall Thursday and Friday.



7-Day Quantitative Precipitation Forecast for September 22, 2025–September 29, 2025



Predicted Inches of Precipitation



Source(s): National Weather Service Weather Prediction Center; image courtesy of Drought.gov

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Image Caption: Weather Prediction Center [7-day precipitation forecast](#) valid Monday September 22, 2025 to Monday September 29, 2025



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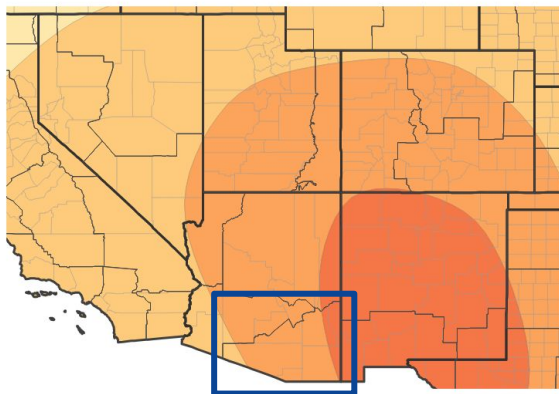


Long-Range Outlooks

The latest monthly and seasonal outlooks can be found on the [CPC homepage](#)

- The temperature outlook for **October 1 to December 31** leans toward **above normal**, 40% to 70% chance across the area.
- The precipitation outlook from **October 1 to December 31** leans toward **below normal**, 33% to 50% chance across the area.

Seasonal (3-Month) Temperature Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Temperatures



Probability of Above-Normal Temperatures



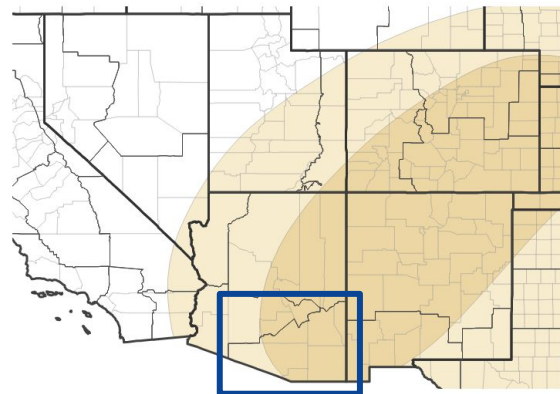
Probability of Near-Normal Temperatures



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Seasonal (3-Month) Precipitation Outlook for October 1, 2025–December 31, 2025



Probability of Below-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Above-Normal Precipitation



Probability of Near-Normal Precipitation



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Image Captions:

Left - [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Temperature Outlook.](#)

Right - [Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Precipitation Outlook.](#)

Valid October 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025



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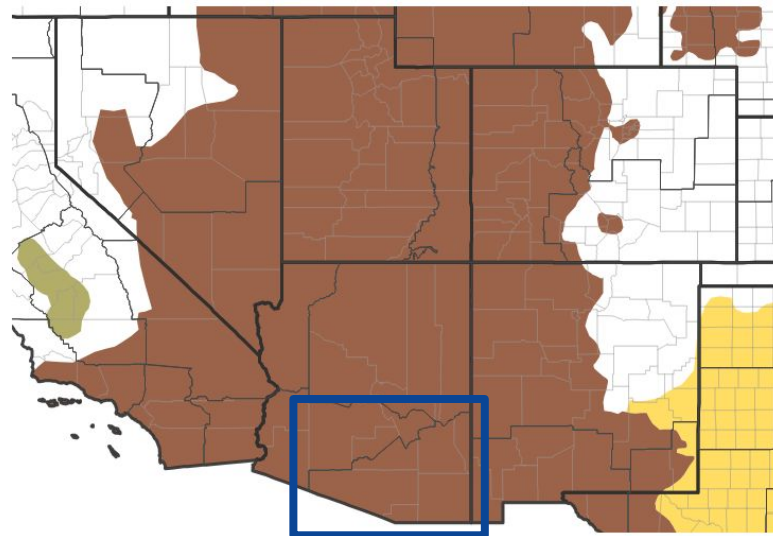


Drought Outlook

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- Drought conditions will persist through the end of the 2025 calendar year.

Seasonal (3-Month) Drought Outlook for September 18, 2025–December 31, 2025



Drought Is Predicted To...



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Image Caption:

Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook Released
September 18, 2025 valid for September 18, 2025 to December 31, 2025

Links to the latest:

[Climate Prediction Center Monthly Drought Outlook](#)

[Climate Prediction Center Seasonal Drought Outlook](#)



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