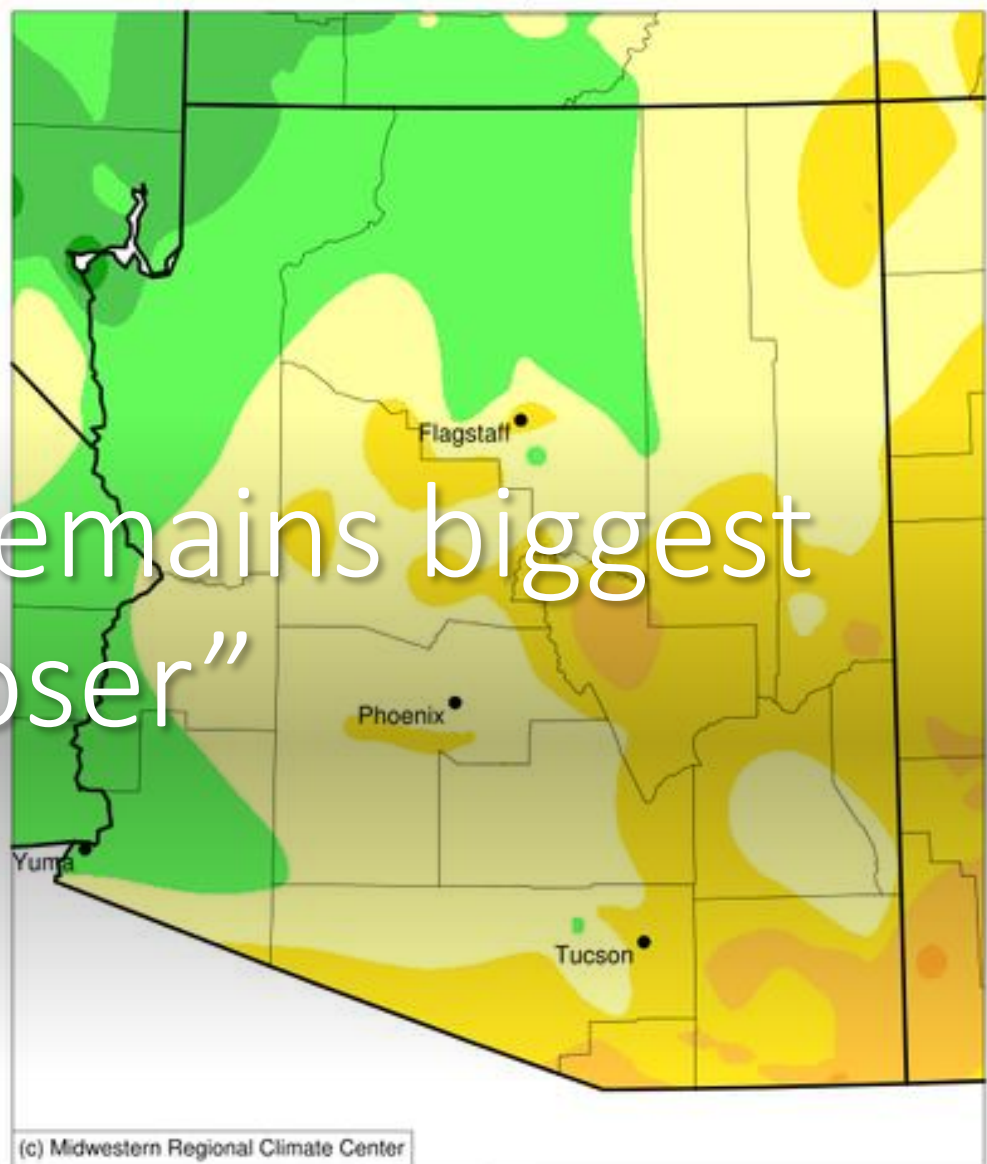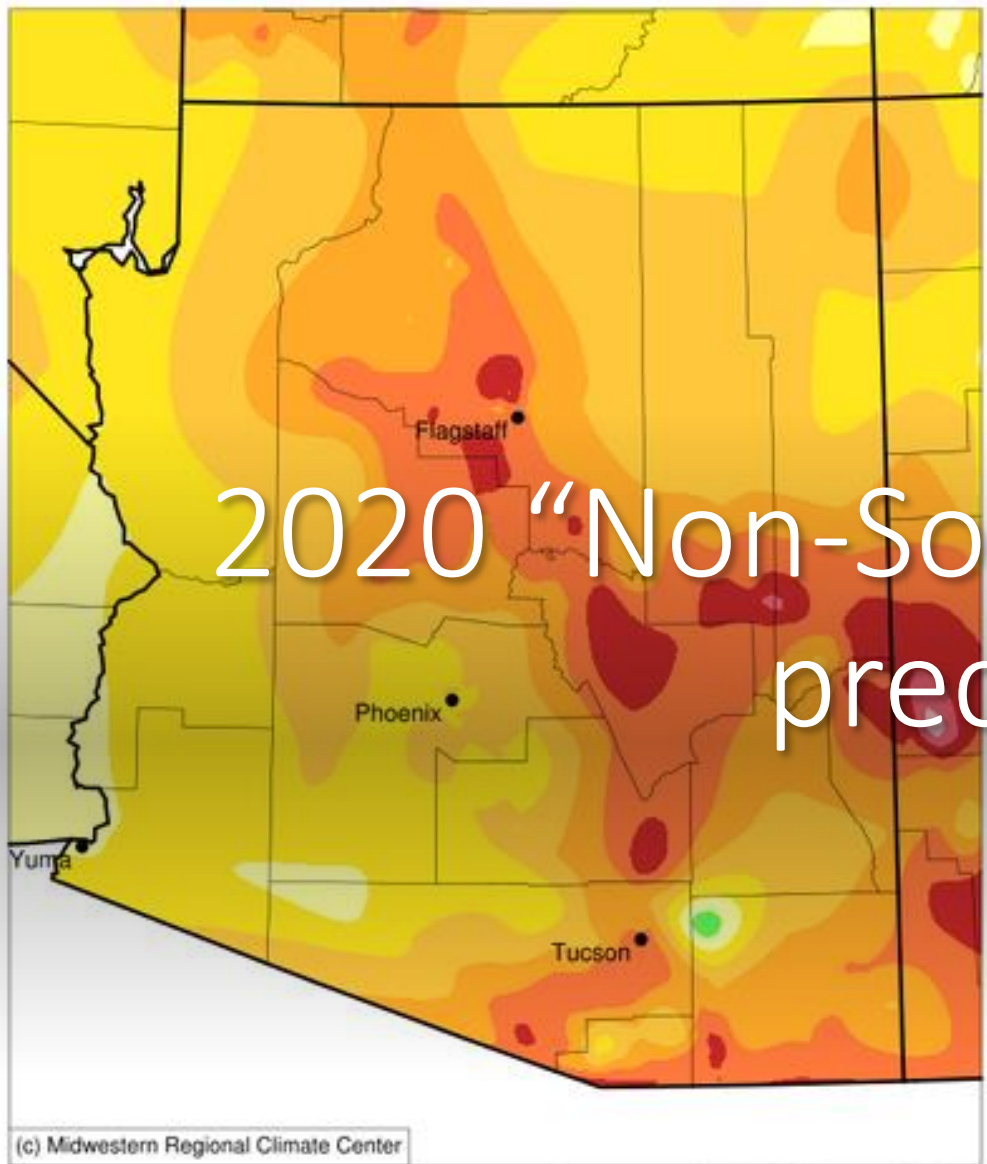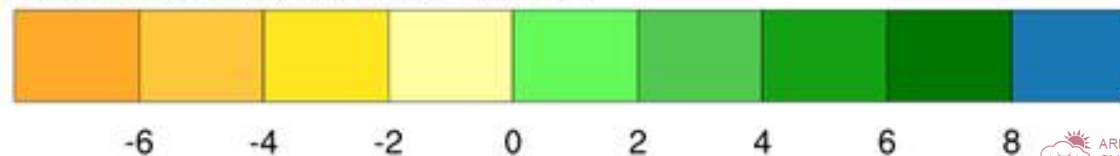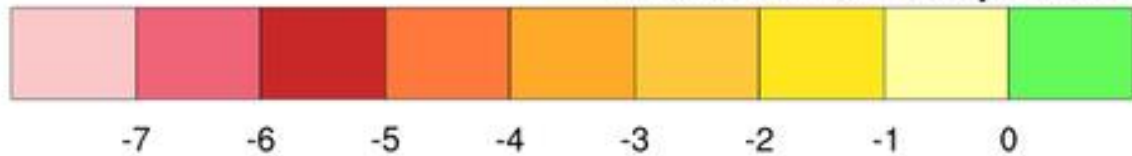June 15, 2020 to September 19, 2020

June 15, 2023 to September 19, 2023

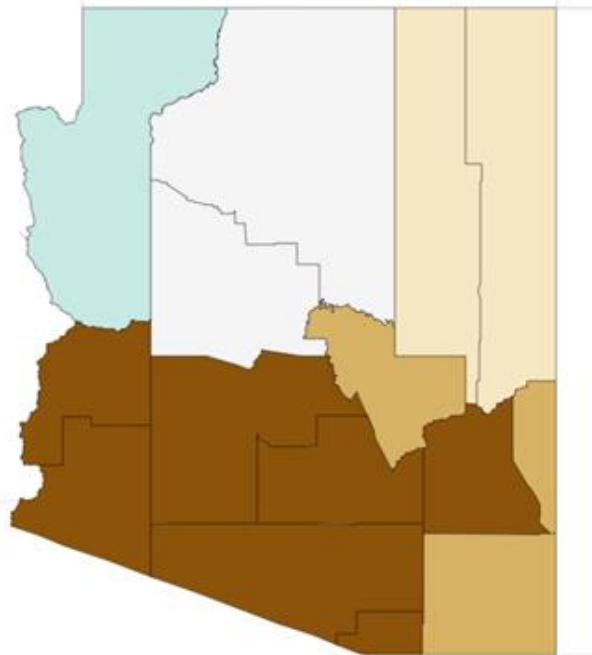2020 "Non-Soon" remains biggest precip "loser"

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Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals

-7   -6   -5   -4   -3   -2   -1   0

-6   -4   -2   0   2   4   6   8

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June had record dry conditions

September seems "average" so far

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
September 01, 2023 to September 20, 2023
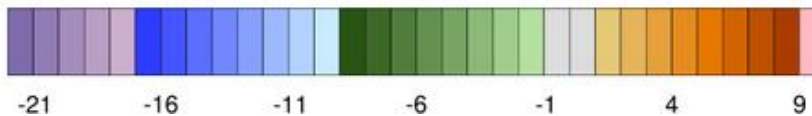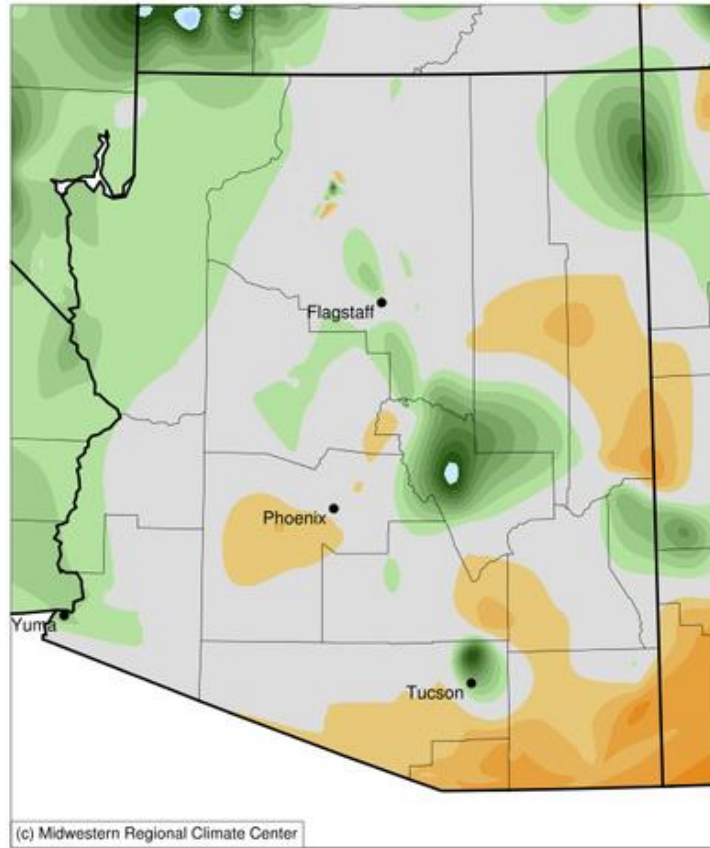
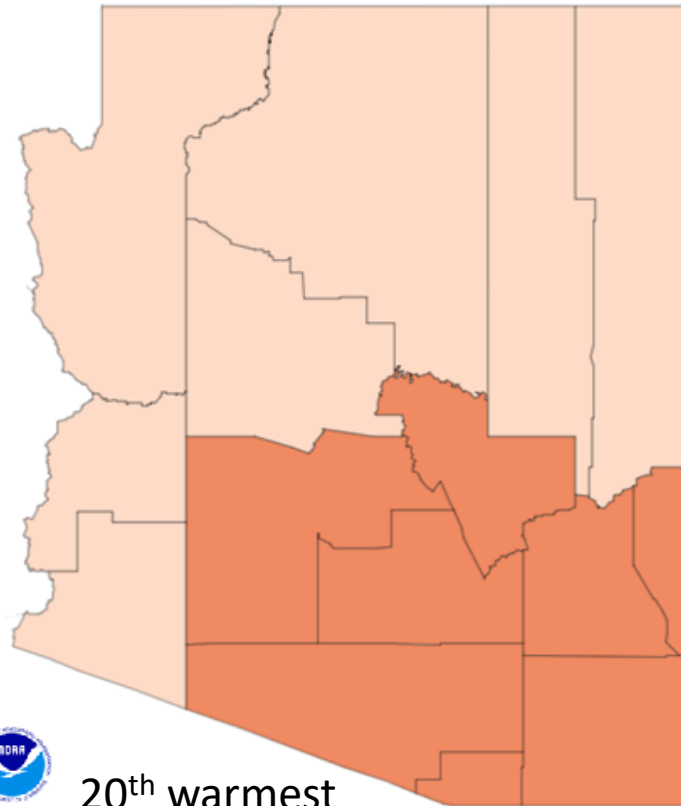Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
September 01, 2023 to September 20, 2023

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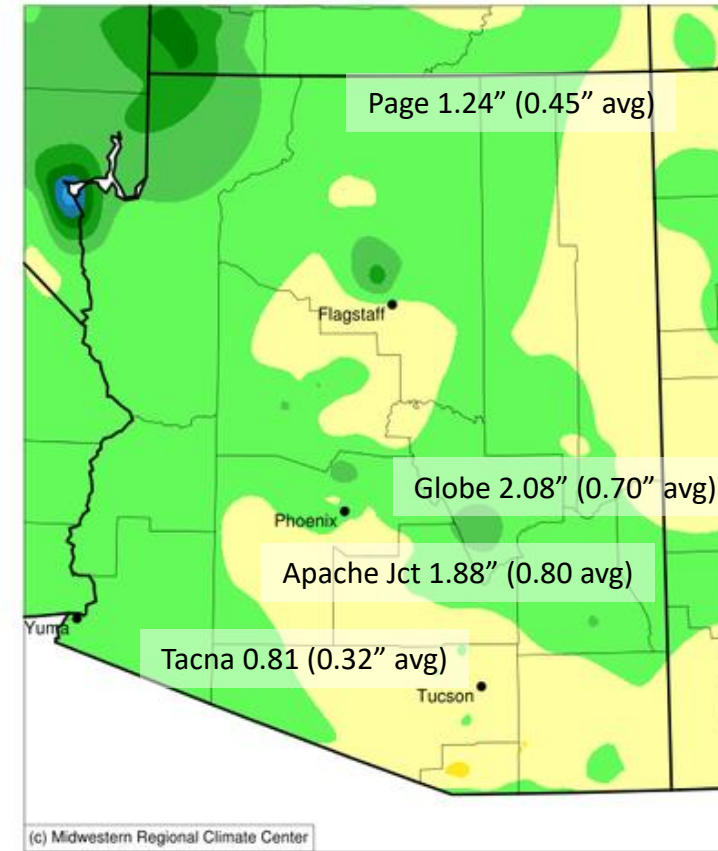
Monsoon 2023 status: very hot and dry
(through August)

Average statewide temperature 79.4°F
June-August 2023

20th warmest

Coldest ◄ ↓¹⁄₁₀ | ↓⅓ | Near Normal | ↑⅓ | ↑¹⁄₁₀ ► Warmest

Average statewide precipitation 2.47"
June-August 2023

10th driest

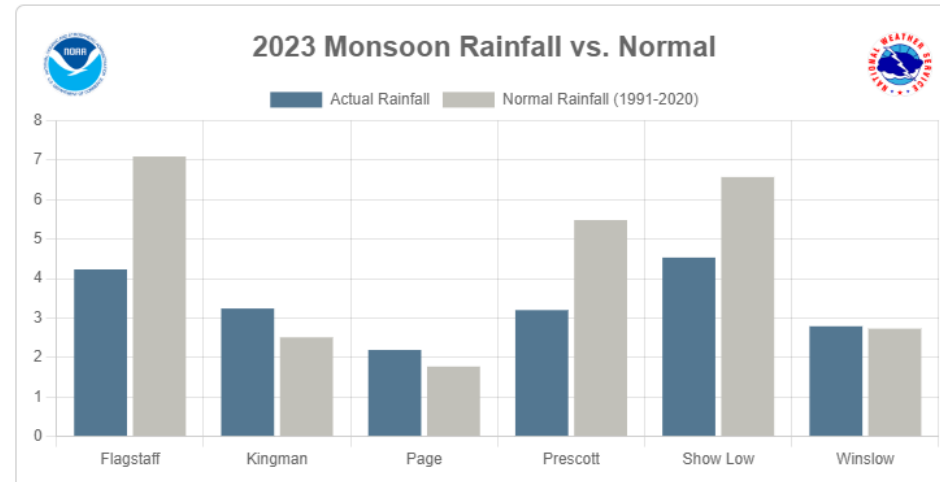Driest ◄ ↓¹⁄₁₀ | ↓⅓ | Near Normal | ↑⅓ | ↑¹⁄₁₀ ► Wettest
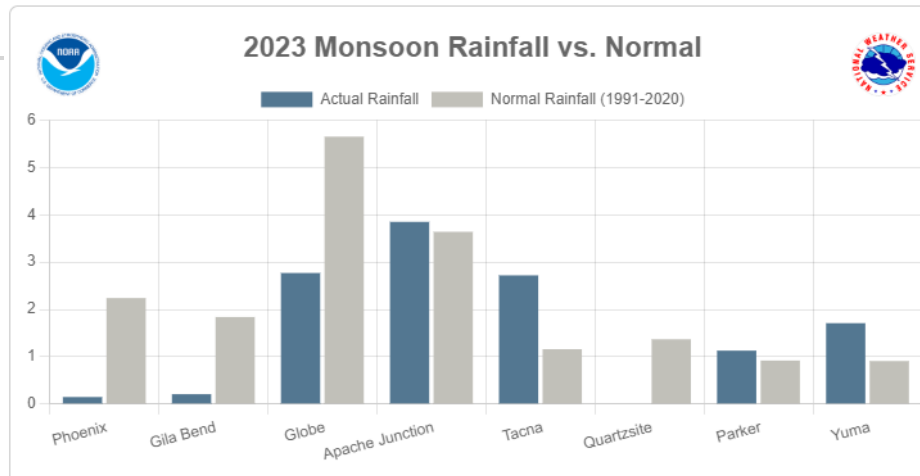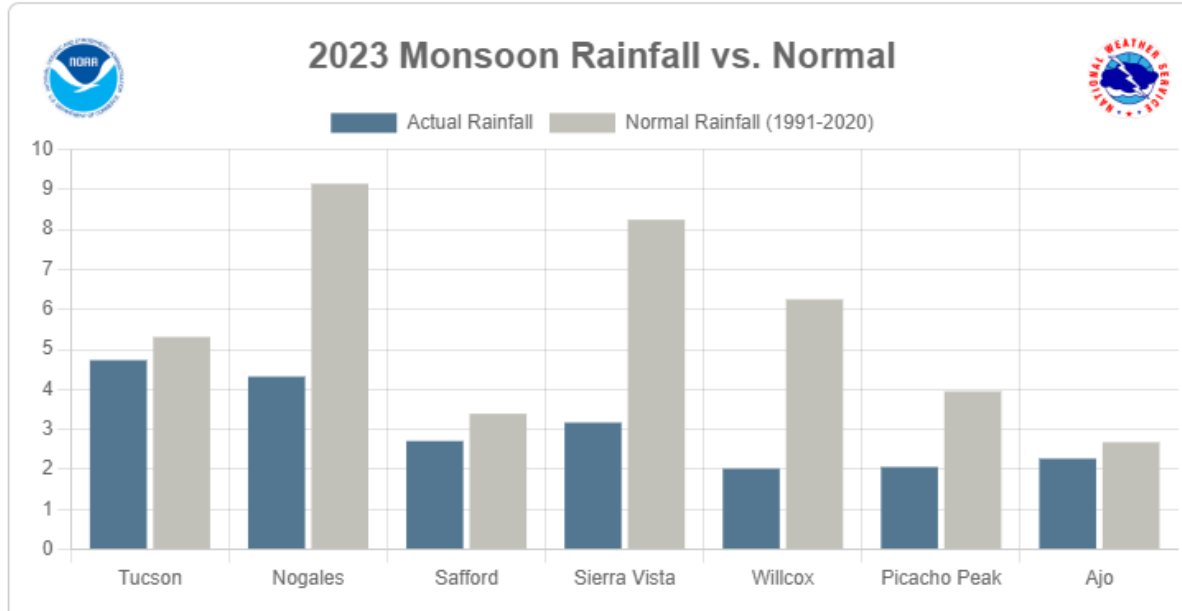
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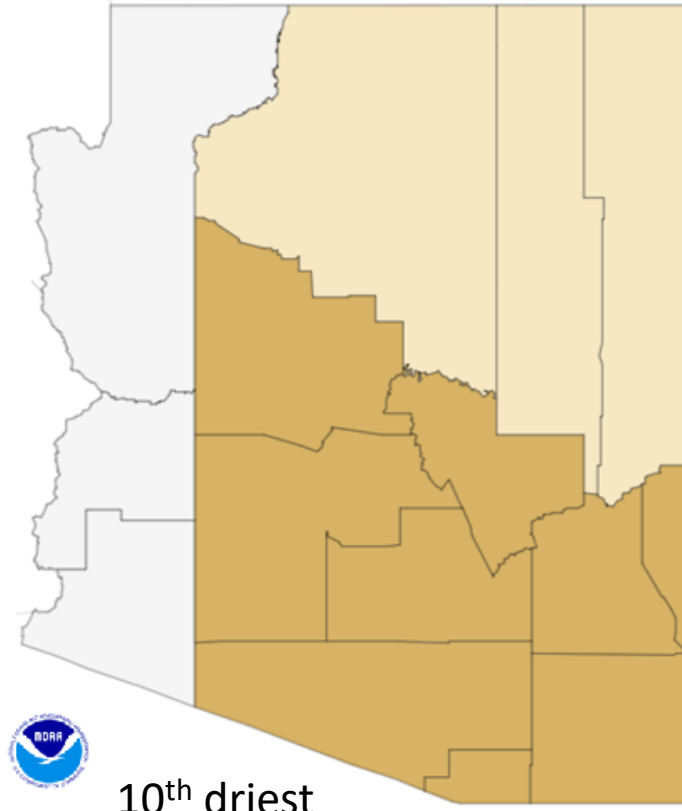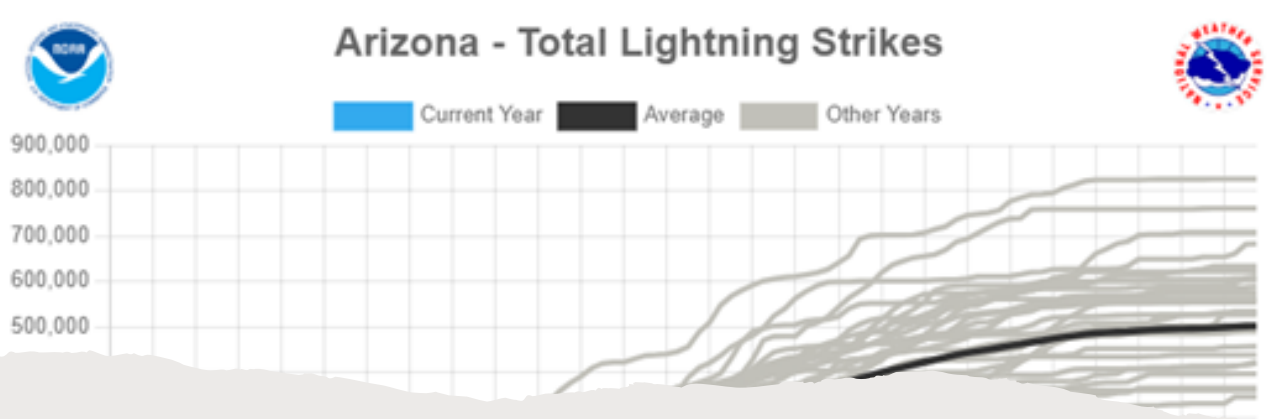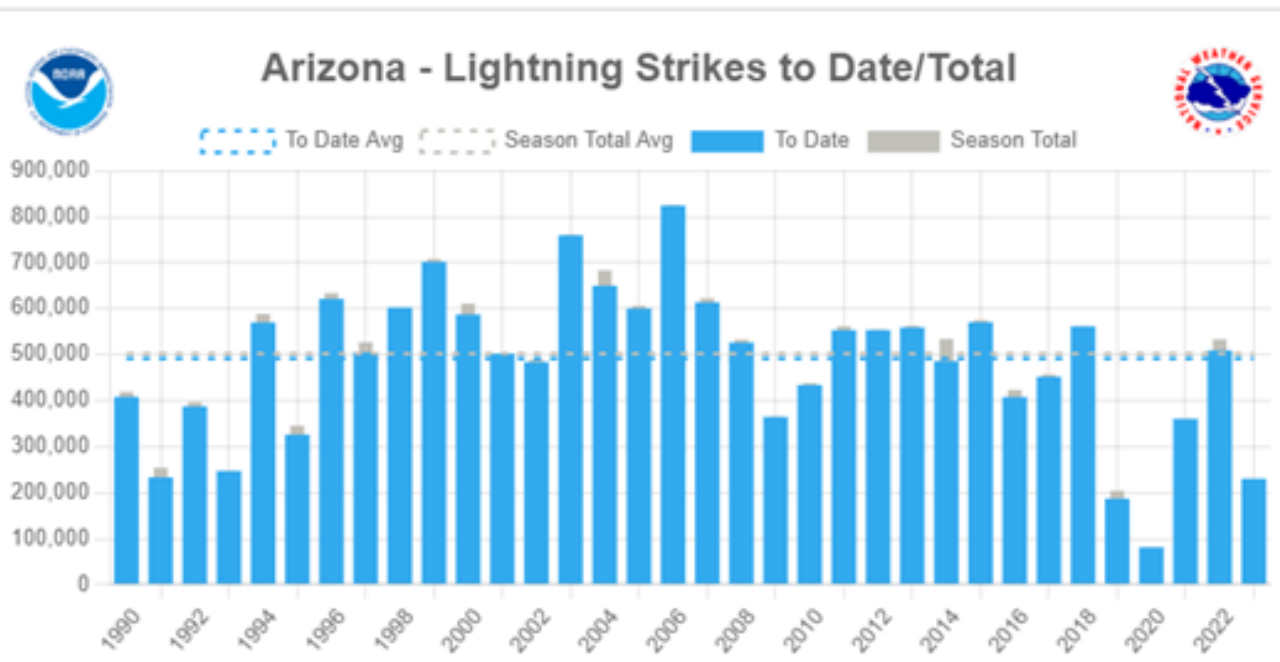
Below average thunderstorm activity 2023

Coconino County #1

Pima County #2

Monsoon precip "winners": Yuma, Mohave, Coconino counties

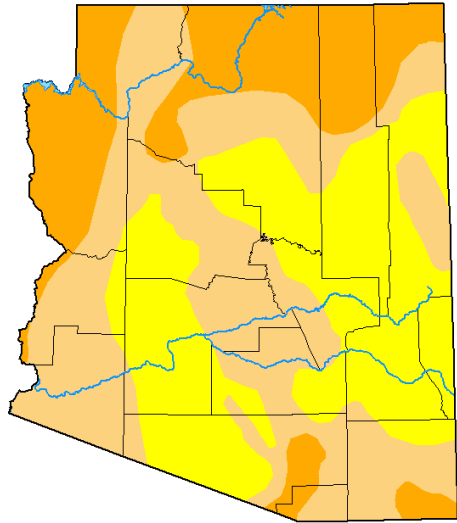2023 Monsoon Rainfall vs. Normal

Maricopa County 2ⁿᵈ driest (past 16 years)

Central AZ Accumulated Mean Monsoon Rainfall - Past 16 Years (297 Index Gages)
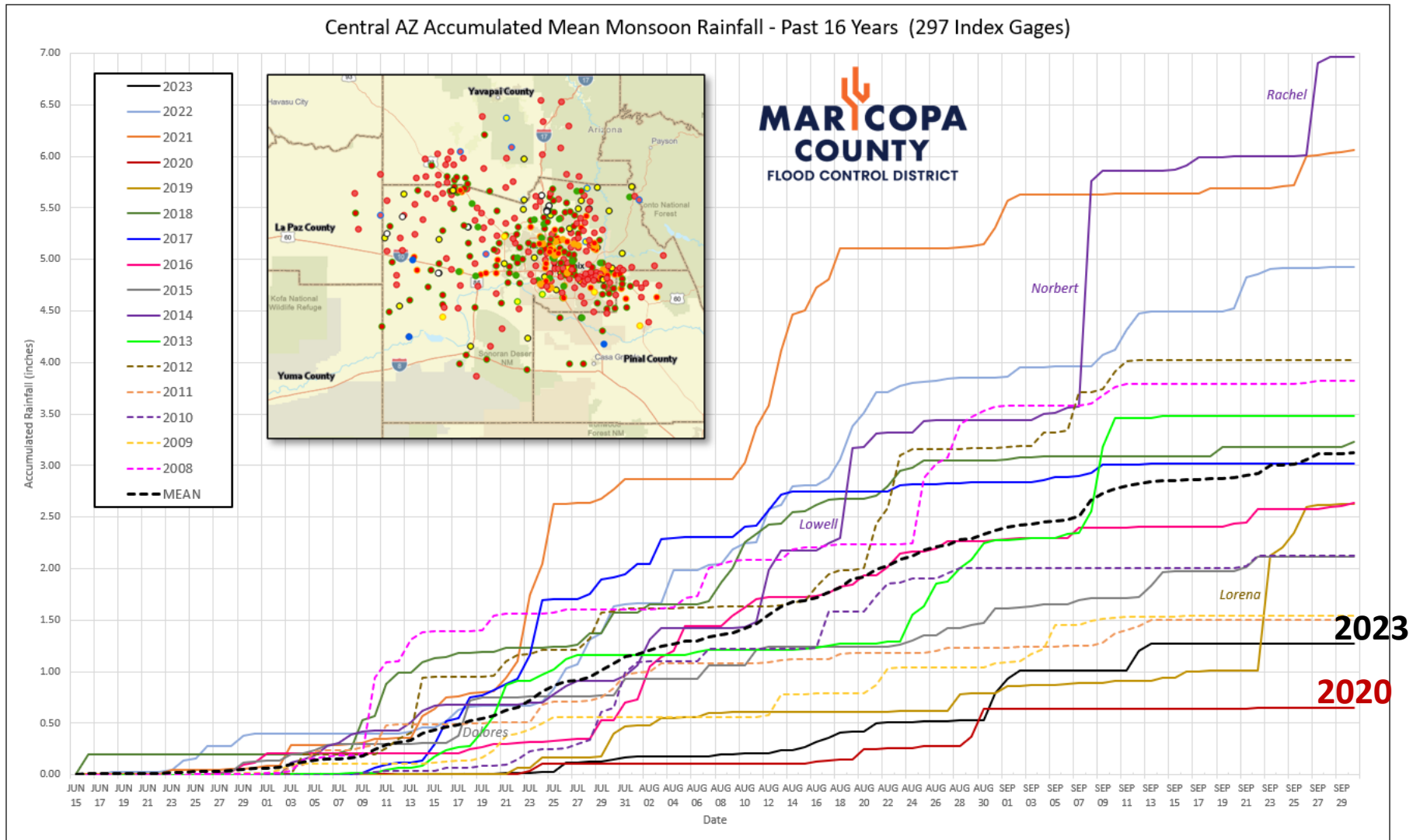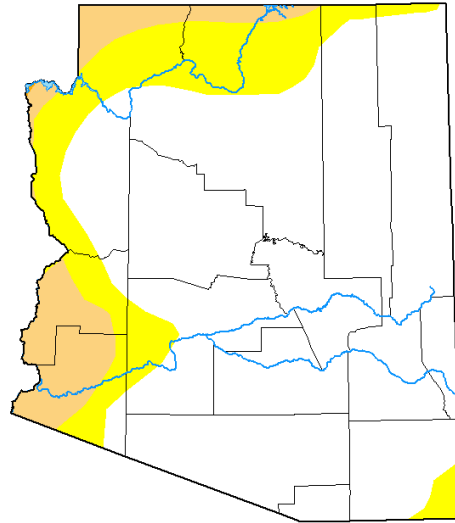
Short-term drought expanding
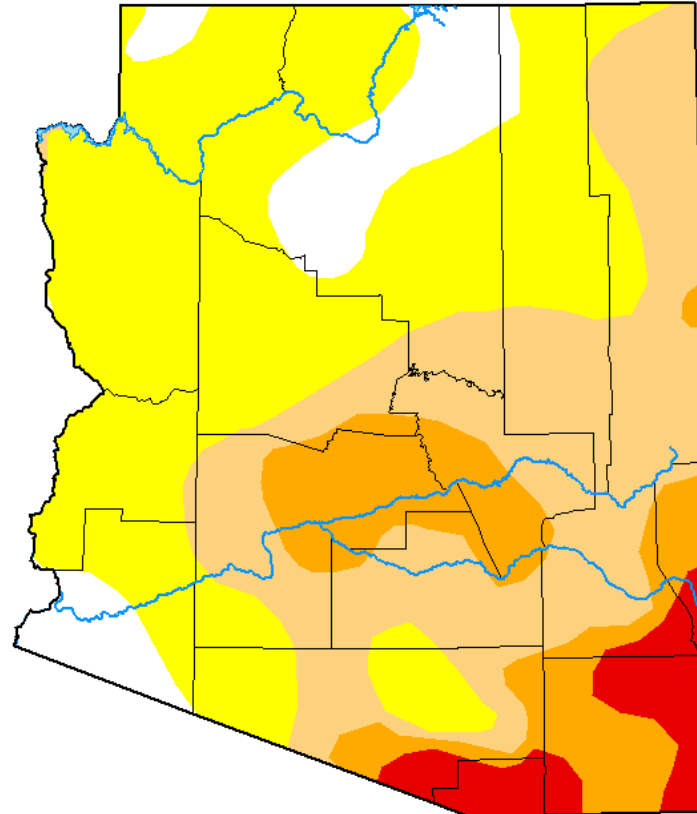

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Arizona
September 20, 2022

U.S. Drought Monitor
Arizona
March 21, 2023

U.S. Drought Monitor
Arizona

September 19, 2023
(Released Thursday, Sep. 21, 2023)
Valid 8 a.m. EDT

Drought Conditions (Percent Area)

	None	D0-D4	D1-D4	D2-D4	D3-D4	D4
Current	9.08	90.92	47.06	18.18	5.34	0.00
Last Week 09-12-2023	9.08	90.92	47.06	18.18	0.00	0.00
3 Months Ago 06-20-2023	83.41	16.59	1.46	0.00	0.00	0.00
Start of Calendar Year 01-03-2023	12.40	87.60	38.94	7.85	0.00	0.00
Start of Water Year 09-27-2022	0.00	100.00	56.72	18.47	0.00	0.00
One Year Ago 09-20-2022	0.00	100.00	63.81	23.00	0.00	0.00

Intensity:

None   D2 Severe Drought
D0 Abnormally Dry   D3 Extreme Drought
D1 Moderate Drought   D4 Exceptional Drought

The Drought Monitor focuses on broad-scale conditions.
Local conditions may vary. For more information on the
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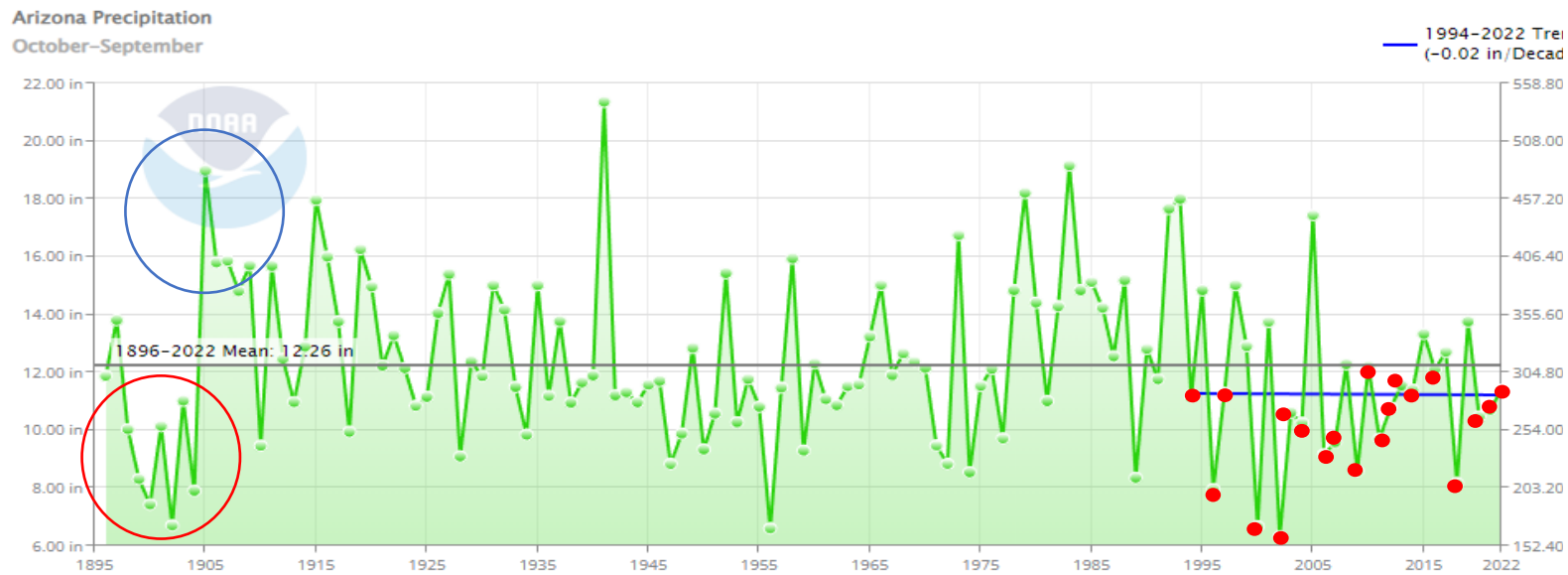
Author:
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Long-term drought persists

Arizona Precipitation
October–September

1896–2022 Mean: 12.26 in

1994-2022 Trend
(-0.02 in/Decade)

Long-term average 12.26"
1994-2022 average 11.25"

Arizona Long-Term Drought
August 2023

Drought Legend
- Exceptional
- Extreme
- Severe
- Moderate
- Abnormally Dry
- No Drought
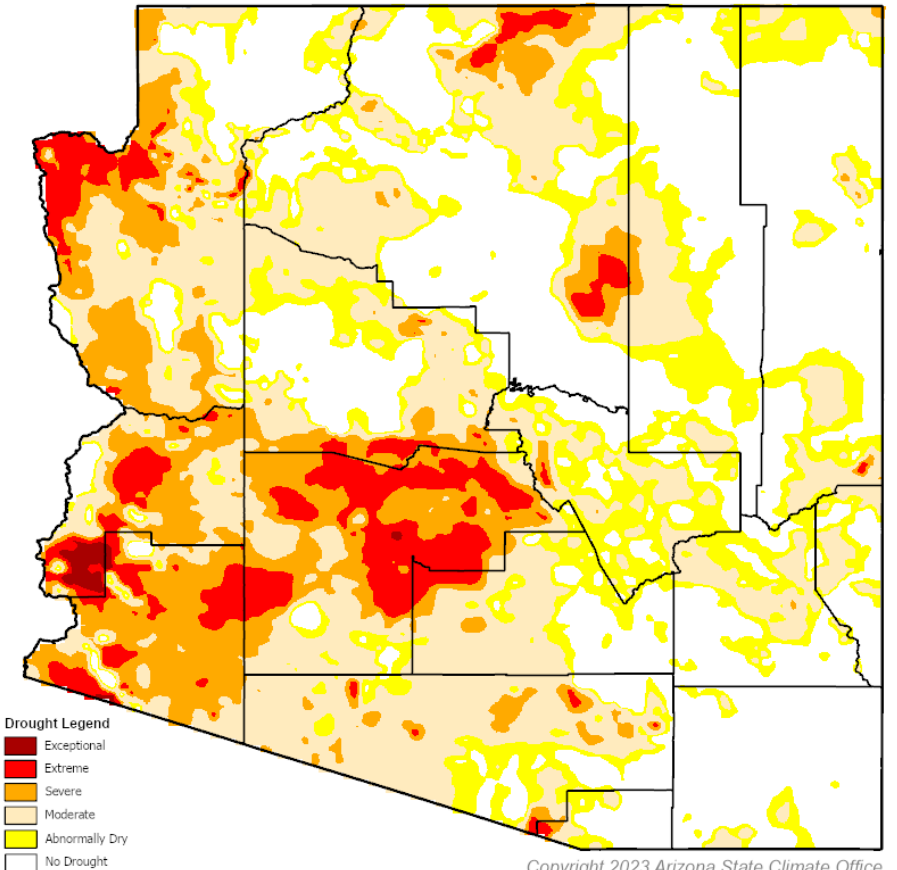
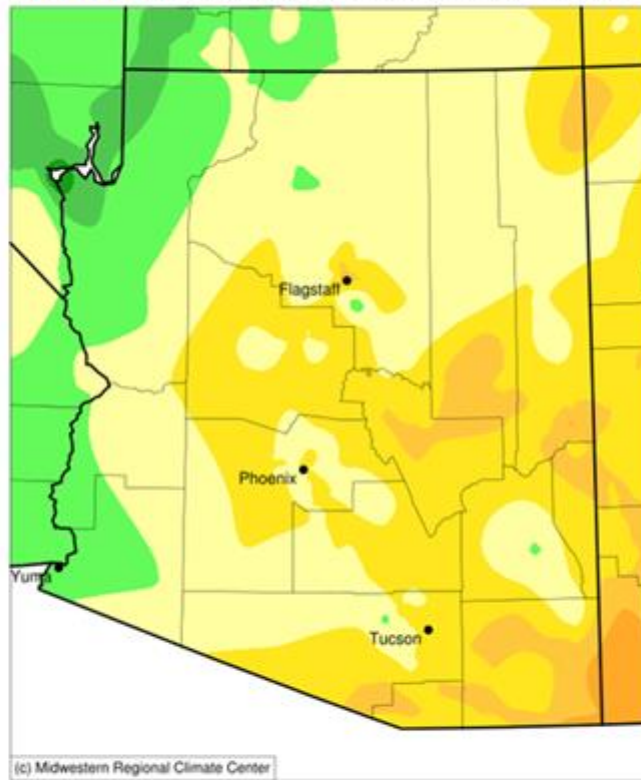Copyright 2023 Arizona State Climate Office

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Water year may end "average"

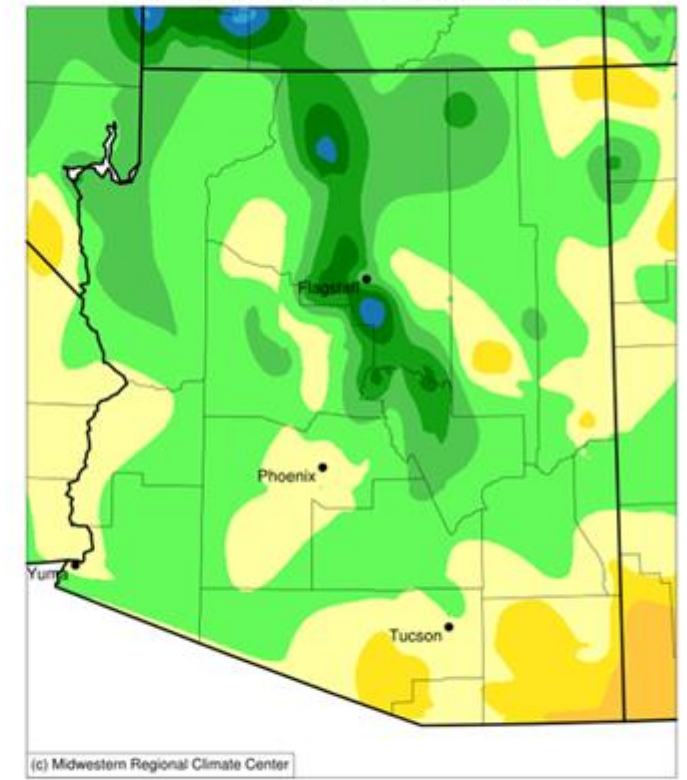

Winter October 01, 2022 to March 31, 2023
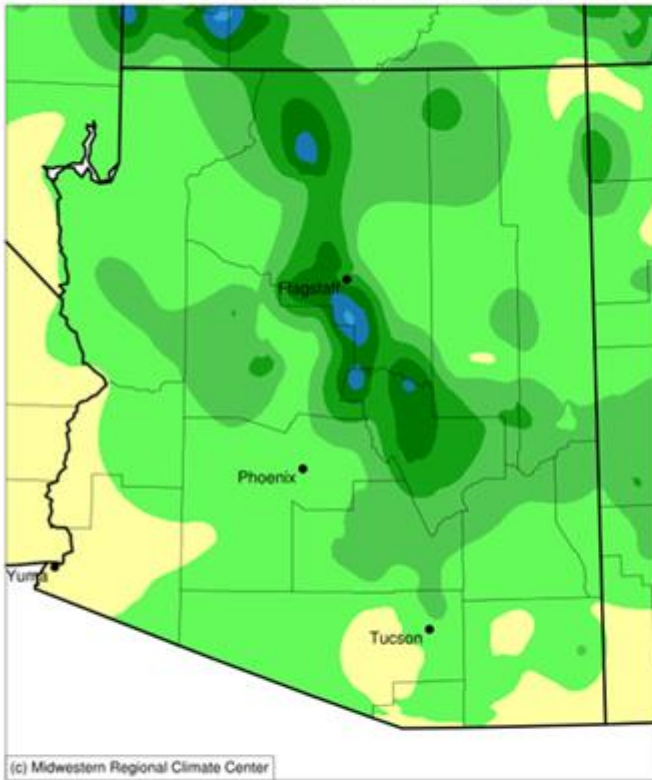
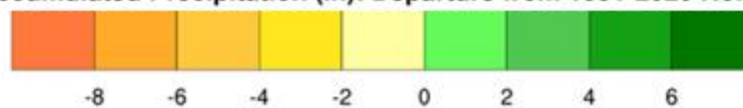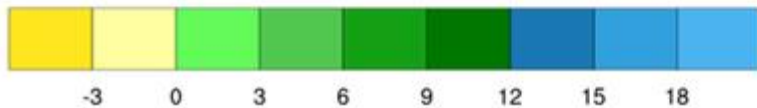Summer April 01, 2023 to September 14, 2023

Water Year 2023 to date
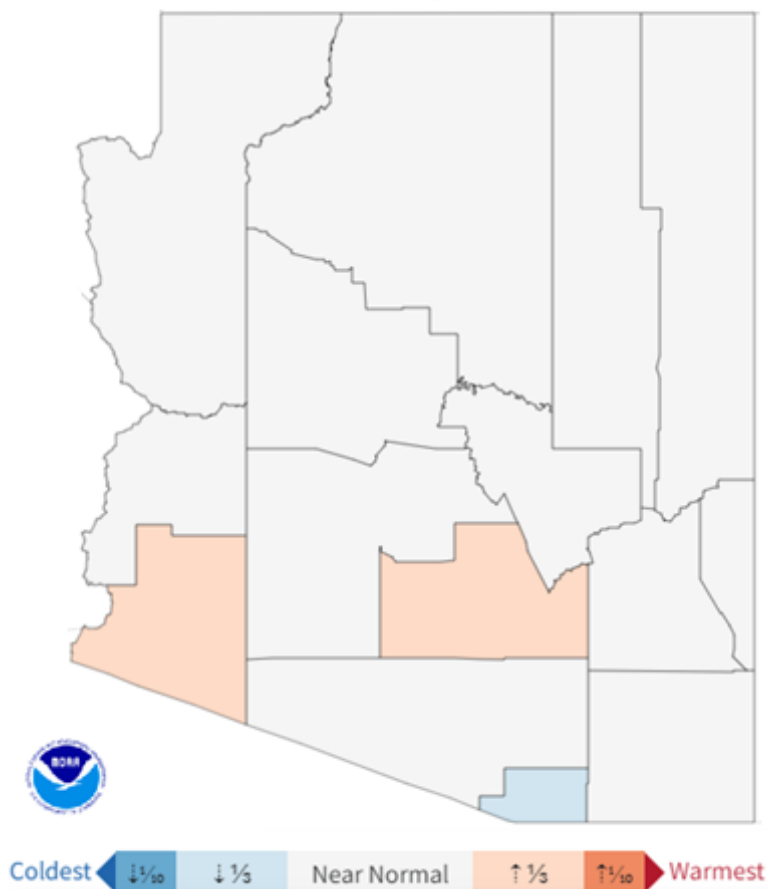October 1, 2022 to September 14, 2023

Accumulated Precipitation (in): Departure from 1991-2020 Normals
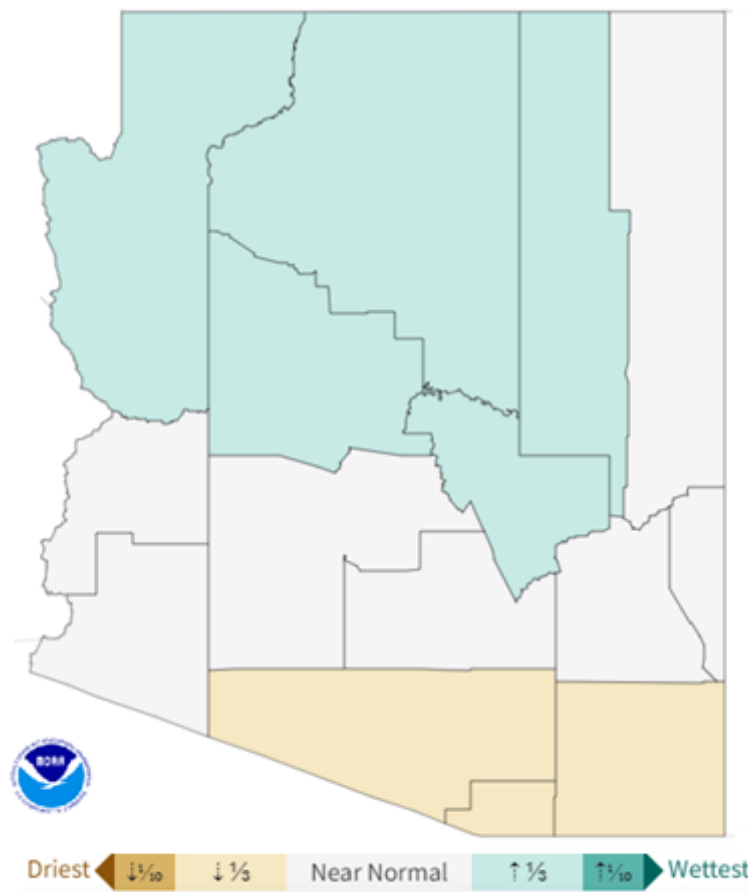
Already beating the 1994-2022 "drought" avg!

October 2022-August 2023

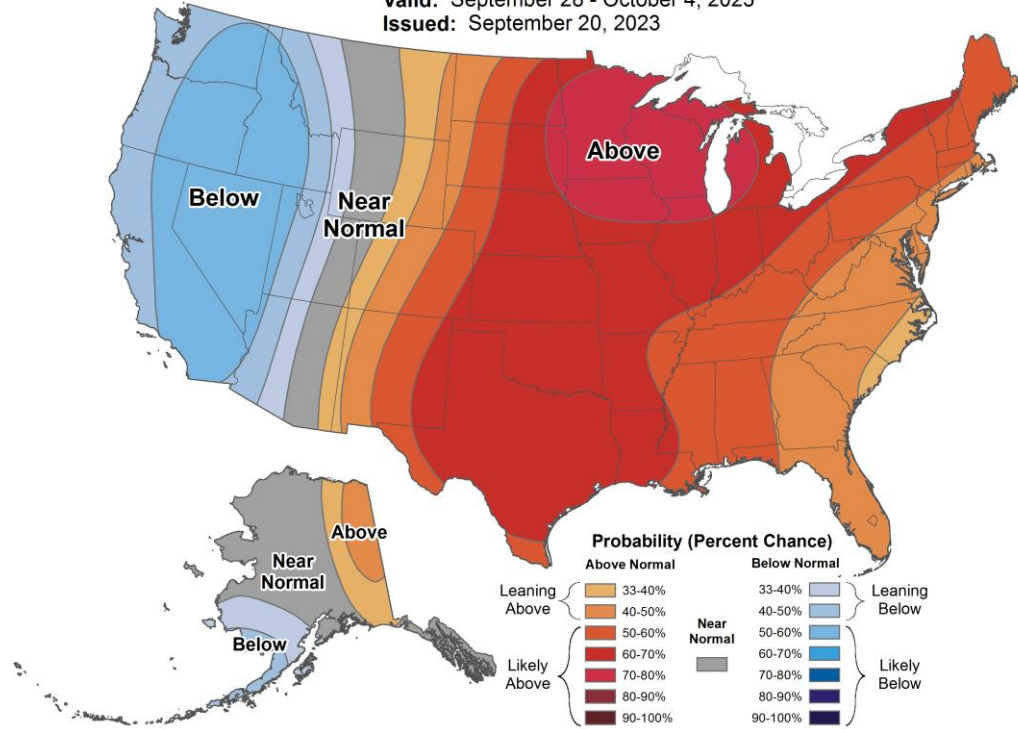58.4°F avg temp (+0.2F)

11.43" precip (+0.01")

Coldest · ↓¹⁄₁₀ · ↓⅓ · Near Normal · ↑⅓ · ↑¹⁄₁₀ · Warmest

Driest · ↓¹⁄₁₀ · ↓⅓ · Near Normal · ↑⅓ · ↑¹⁄₁₀ · Wettest

1.18" avg statewide Sept precip

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Below
Near Normal
Above
Above
Near Normal
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Probability (Percent Chance)

Above Normal		Below Normal	
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	40-50%	40-50%	
	50-60%	Near Normal	50-60%
Likely Above	60-70%	60-70%	Likely Below
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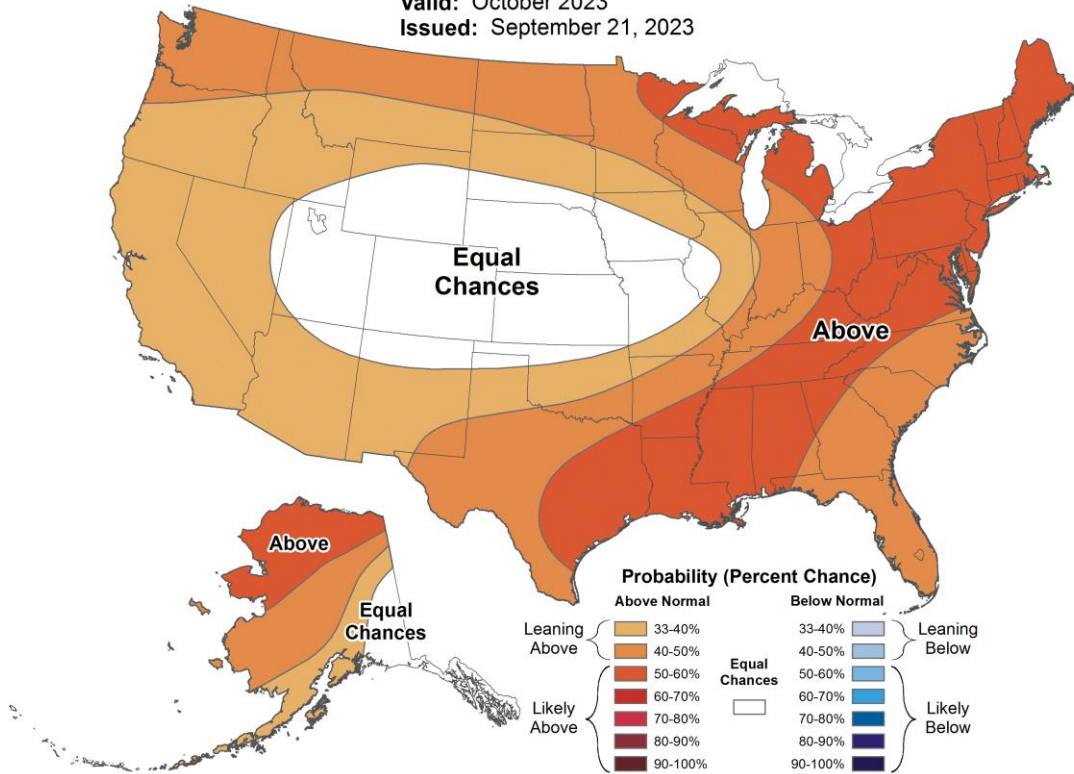
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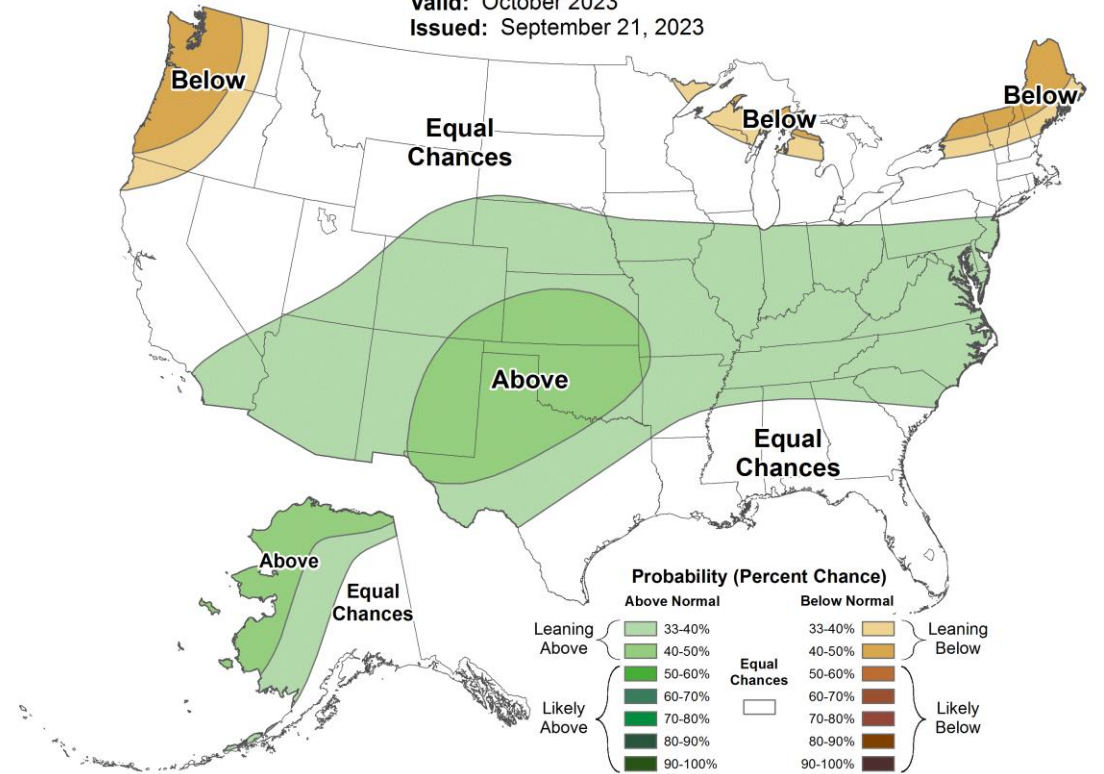
Possible tropical activity?

El Nino statistically brings wetter winter in AZ
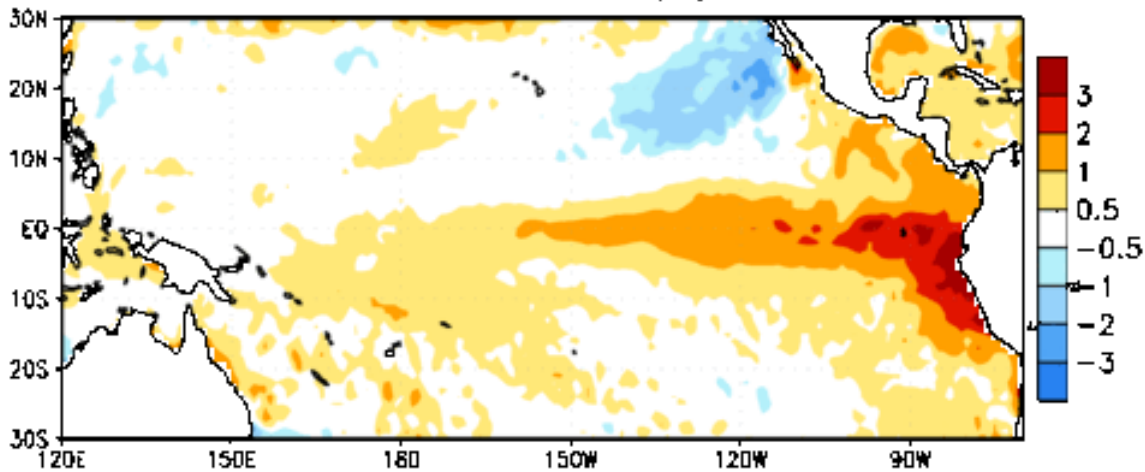
El Nino on track to persist through winter 2023-24
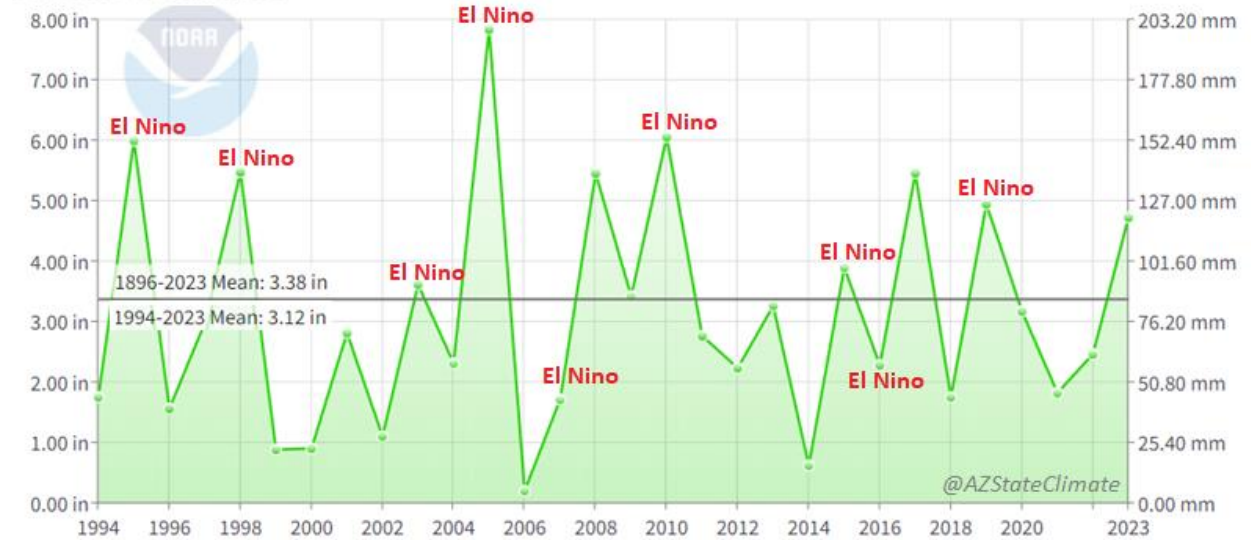
7 out of 9 El Nino winters wet