

Arizona Climate Summary

December 2014 Summary of conditions for November 2014

November 2014 Temperature and Precipitation Summary

November 1st – 16th: A strong low pressure center was moving south along the California coast as November began. The system moved across northern Arizona on the 2nd and 3rd, bringing 0.52" of rain to Flagstaff, 0.42" to Bellemont, and 0.26" to Sedona on the 2nd and 0.57" of rain at Douglas on the 3rd. High temperatures were in the upper 80s on the 2nd throughout central and southern Arizona, but dropped to the upper 70s on the 3rd as the core of the low pressure system passed through. Low temperatures dropped from near 30°F on the 2nd to the upper teens on the 3rd. By the 5th, high pressure returned to the southwestern U.S. and remained until the 15th. During that time, high temperatures reached the upper 80s and lower 90s in the warmest areas of the southwest deserts, and low temperatures were in the upper teens and lower 20s at the highest elevations. On the 15th and 16th another low pressure system moved through Nevada and Utah, brushing across northern Arizona, but bringing light rainfall to Saint Johns, Show Low, Safford, Window Rock, Springerville, Petrified Forest, and Grand Canyon, and snow at Bellemont and Navajo National Monument.

November 17th – 30th: High pressure returned on the 17th and remained until the 21st. However, temperatures did not return to their previous warmer than normal condition. Daytime highs remained in the mid to upper 70s along the lower Colorado River and the southwestern deserts. Nighttime temperatures dipped into the single digits and lower teens at the highest elevations. On the 22nd and 23rd very light rain fell with 0.04" at Nogales on the 22nd and 0.03" at Navajo National Monument on the 23rd. The system did not have much moisture, but cold air followed, dropping nighttime temperatures to 2°F on the 24th and 25th at Grand Canyon Airport, 6°F at Bellemont, 3°F at Springerville, and 4°F at Window Rock. Daytime temperatures remained in the mid-70s in the warmer desert locations, and started to rebound by the 26th. The rest of the month remained dry statewide, with daytime temperatures warming into the mid to upper 80s in the deserts and nighttime temperatures getting into the mid-teens.

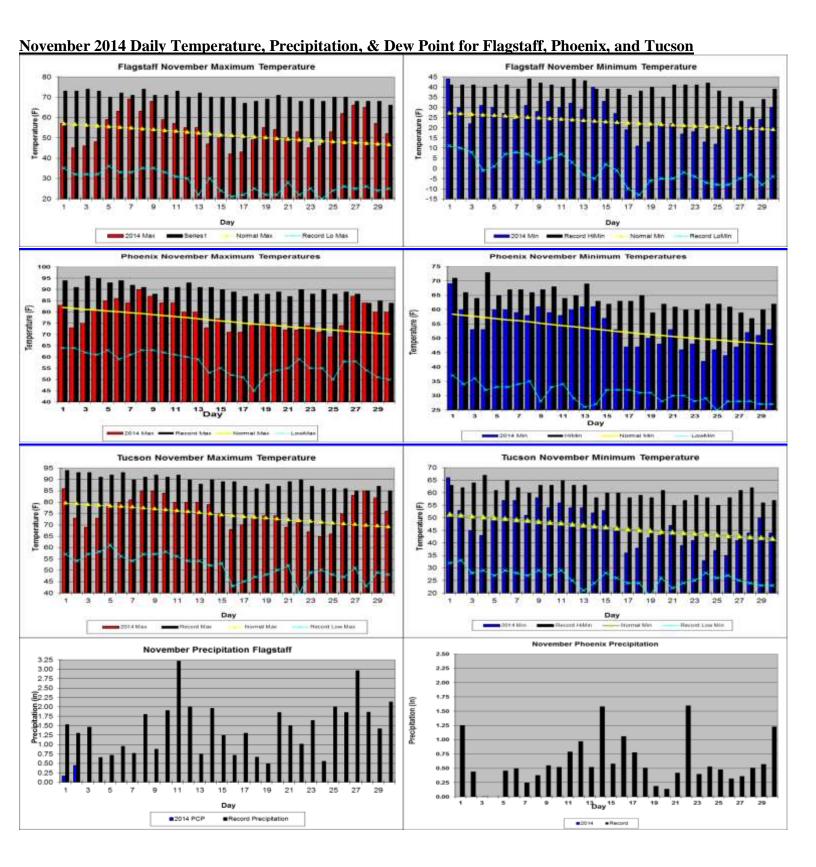
<u>In This Issue:</u> Overview of November, graphs of the November daily maximum and minimum temperatures, precipitation, mean daily dew points for Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson; November climate statistics, maps of mean monthly maximum and minimum temperatures, precipitation, dew points, wind speeds for November; and graphs of the mean November temperature and precipitation for the period of record for Tucson, Phoenix, and Flagstaff, graphs of the cumulative precipitation for the calendar year for Flagstaff, Phoenix, and Tucson. Climate calendars for Flagstaff, Phoenix, Tucson, Prescott, Winslow and Yuma, including daily and monthly normals and extremes, for each month of the year, can be downloaded directly from the State Climate website. See p. 19 of this report for calendar abbreviations.

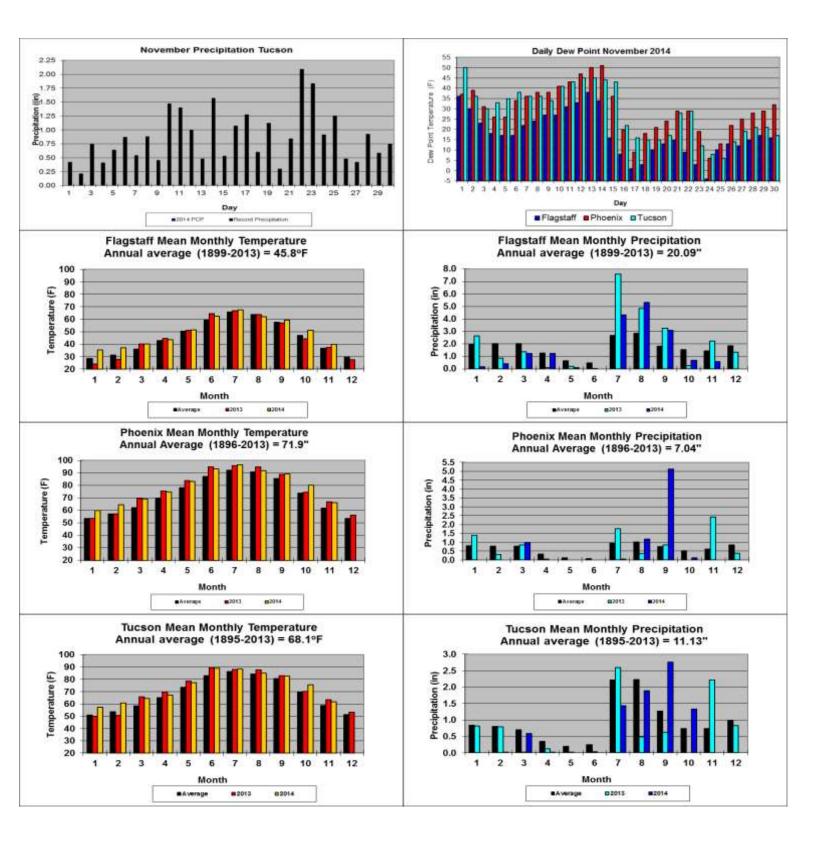
Data are preliminary and are from the National Weather Service Forecast Offices in Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson. **Note: The discrepancy between the Statewide Temperature and Precipitation values for Phoenix, Flagstaff and Tucson and the daily values in their graphs are due to the reporting times. Statewide Temperature and Precipitation values are taken at 5pm, while official daily records at the airports are taken from Midnight to Midnight.

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FLAGSTAFF CLIMATE STATISTICS

November 2014

This November was the 12st warmest and had no significant ranking for precipitation.	Maximum Temp 45°F or lower 4
	Heating Degree Days 746 Normal 849
Avg Max Temp (F) 54.4 Normal 50.5	Cooling Degree Days 0 Normal 0
Avg Min Temp (F) 25.2 Normal 22.9	Degree base 65°F
Avg Mean Temp (F) 39.8 Normal 36.7	
Departure from Normal (F) +3.1	Total November Precipitation 0.60"
= 3P(2)	Normal November Precipitation 1.76"
Highest Monthly Avg Temp (F) 44.9 in 1949	Departure from normal -1.16"
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp (F) 29.6 in 1972	Greatest 24-Hr Precipitation 0.58" on 11/01-02
	Total Precipitation Year-to-Date 17.23"
Highest Temp this month (F): 69 on 7 th	Departure from Normal -2.76"
Lowest Temp this month (F): 11 on 18 th	
20 West Temp time month (1). If on To	Number of Days:
Record High (F): 74 on 11/03/1977, 11/08/1973	Clear 25
Record Low (F): -13 on 11/18/1958	Partly Cloudy 4
13 on 11/10/1950	Cloudy 1
Temperature or precipitation records this month:	Cloudy
1 st HiMin 44 set, previous record 41 in 2003	Greatest November Precipitation 7.10" in 1905
14 th HiMin 40 set, previous record 39 in 1962	Least November Precipitation 0 1916, 1932 and 6
	other years
Flagstaff Number of Days of:	
Minimum Temp 30°F or higher 11	Average Wind Speed 8.3 mph
Minimum Temp 20°F or lower 7	Highest Peak Gust 47 mph from 40° on 16 th
Maximum Temp 60°F or higher 7	

PHOENIX CLIMATE STATISTICS November 2014

This November was tie other years and tied for			Temperature or precipitation 28 th HiMax 84 tied, first se			nonth:
Avg Max Temp(F)	78.3 Normal	75.5	Phoenix Number of Days	<u>of:</u>		
Avg Min Temp(F)	53.9 Normal	52.7	Minimum Temp 50°F or lo	ower		10
Avg Mean Temp (F)	66.1 Normal	64.1	Minimum Temp 60°F or h	igher		8
Departure from Norma	1(F) +2.0		Maximum Temp 75°F or	lower		14
•			Maximum Temp 85°F or 1	higher		5
Highest Monthly Avg	Γemp (F) 70.0	in 2007	•	Ü		
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp (F) 55.0 in 1922			Heating Degree Days	54	Normal	97
	• , ,		Cooling Degree Days	92	Normal	70
Highest Temp this mon	th (F): 90 or	n 8 th	Degree base 65°F			
Lowest Temp this mon		24 th	6			
Record High (F): 96 on 11/03/2009, 11/1-2/1924			Total November Precipitat	ion		0.00"
Record Low (F): 27 on 11/23/1931			Normal November Precipi	0.65"		
			Departure from normal			-0.65"

Greatest 24-Hr Precipitation 0.00 Total Precipitation Year-to-Date Departure from Normal	7.46" +0.31"	Greatest November Precipitation Least November Precipitation 1999, 1980 and 22 other years	3.61" in 1905 0.00" in 2005,
Number of Days:		Average Wind Speed 5.6 mph	
Clear 22		Highest Peak Gust 30 mph from	n 300° on 23°°
Partly Cloudy 8			
Cloudy 0			

TUCSON CLIMATE STATISTICS November 2014

This November was the 20th warmest and tied as driest with 22 other years.

Avg Max Temp(F)	76.2	Normal	73.5		
Avg Min Temp(F)	47.3	Normal	46.1		
Avg Mean Temp(F)	61.8	Normal	59.8		
Departure from Normal (F) +2.0					

Highest Monthly Avg Temp (F)	65.7 in 2007
Lowest Monthly Avg Temp (F)	50.9 in 1911

Highest Temp this month (F):	86 on 1st
Lowest Temp this month (F):	33 on 24 th

Record High (F): 93 on	11/03/2009, 11/06/1999.
and 11/06/1934	

Record Low (F): 19 on 11/19/1921

Temperature or precipitation records this month: 1st HiMin 66 set, previous record 63 in 1990 28th HiMax 85 tied, first set in 1945

Tucson Number of Days of:

Minimum Temp 40°F or lower	6
Minimum Temp 55°F or higher	5
Maximum Temp 70°F or lower	7
Maximum Temp 85°F or higher	4

Heating Degree Days	136 Normal	182
Cooling Degree Days	0 Normal	0

Degree base 65°F

Total November Precipitation	0.00"
Normal November Precipitation	0.57
Departure from normal	-0.57"
Greatest 24-Hr Precipitation 0.00"	
Total Precipitation Year-to-Date	8.02"
Departure from Normal	-2.64"

Greatest November Precipitation 4.61" in 1905 Least November Precipitation 0.00" in 2005, 1999, 1980, and 20 other years

Number of Days:

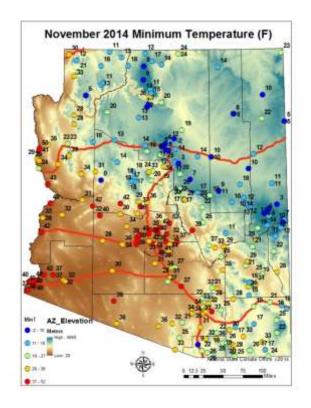
Clear	26
Partly Cloudy	0
Cloudy	0

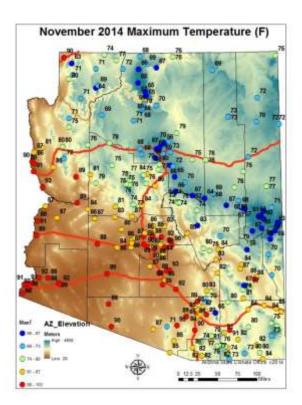
Average Wind Speed 7.1 mph

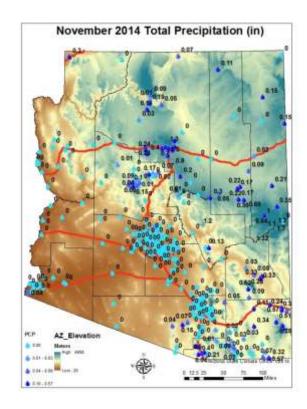
Highest Peak Gust 33 mph from 110° on 9th

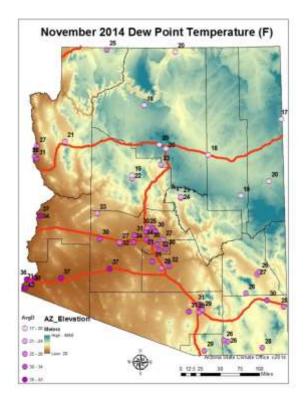
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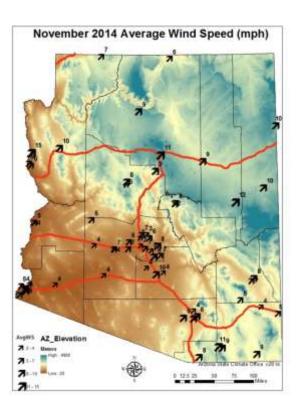
Wind Speeds:				Dew	Points f	for Nov	ember:			
Day	Phoe	nix	Flags	taff	Tucso	on	Daily	Avera	ge Dew	Point (°F):
<u>(mph)</u>	Avg	Max	Avg	Max	Avg	Max	Day	Phx	Tuc	Flg
1	6.7	24	18.8	47	8.6	30	1	37	50	36
2	8.8	24	11	34	7.4	26	2	39	36	30
3	6.1	22	6	26	5.3	19	3	31	30	23
4	6.6	25	14.5	34	6.1	21	4	26	33	18
5	6.2	25	11	28	7.4	26	5	26	35	17
6	7.4	21	5.1	19	13.4	31	6	34	38	17
7	4.8	14	2.7	19	8.8	27	7	36	36	22
8	3.6	12	6.8	25	11.4	33	8	38	36	24
9	4	20	5.7	22	8.2	33	9	38	34	27
10	5.7	18	11.6	55	8	24	10	41	41	27
11	5.9	15	11.1	32	7.2	21	11	43	43	31
12	5.3	20	8.5	30	5.5	22	12	47	45	33
13	5.8	19	9.9	36	4.8	15	13	50	45	38
14	5.6	21	9.8	25	7.5	22	14	51	44	34
15	6.1	17	12.6	33	4.9	19	15	36	43	16
16	8.3	30	16.8	47	7.1	23	16	20	22	8
17	5.7	24	9.7	29	5.4	25	17	9	16	1
18	5.4	21	3.5	19	6.8	24	18	18	15	3
19	3	18	4.2	21	5.5	16	19	21	15	10
20	5.2	12	3.7	22	6.7	20	20	24	17	13
21	4.5	22	1.6	15	7.5	27	21	29	28	15
22	5.4	13	6.8	36	5.7	14	22	29	29	9
23	6.8	30	8.6	36	6.2	25	23	19	12	3
24	6.8	29	10.2	39	6	22	24	6	8	-4
25	4.9	17	4.4	25	5	15	25	13	6	10
26	4.4	11	3.4	19	5.6	24	26	22	14	13
27	2.8	11	2.3	15	8.9	27	27	25	19	12
28	3.7	14	6	23	6.1	18	28	28	21	15
29	5.1	14	10.1	35	7.7	20	29	29	21	17
30	7.3	22	13.8	40	7.7	21	30	32	17	16

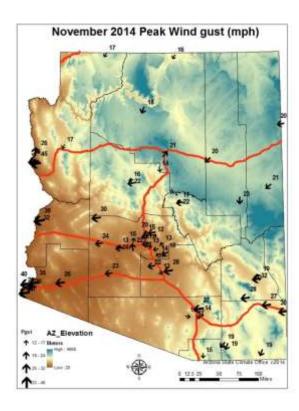




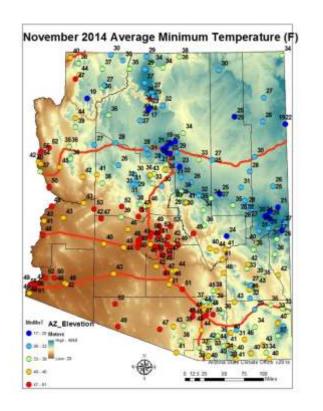


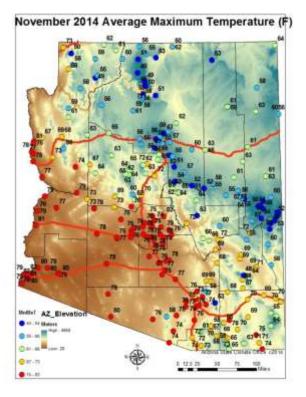






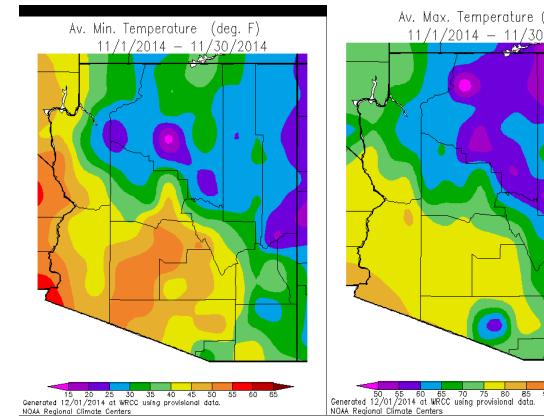
The lowest minimum temperature was -2°F at Sunset Crater and the highest minimum was 52°F at Bartlett Dam. The lowest maximum temperature of 56°F was recorded at Snowslide Canyon, while the highest maximum temperature of 103°F was reported at Yuma. The lowest rainfall amount was 0.00" at many stations in Arizona, especially in the southwest and the highest was 1.70" at Hannagan Meadow. The lowest dew point was 17°F at Window Rock and the highest was 43°F at Yuma. The highest average wind speed was 15 mph at Laughlin. The highest peak wind gust was 46 mph at Mohave Airport.

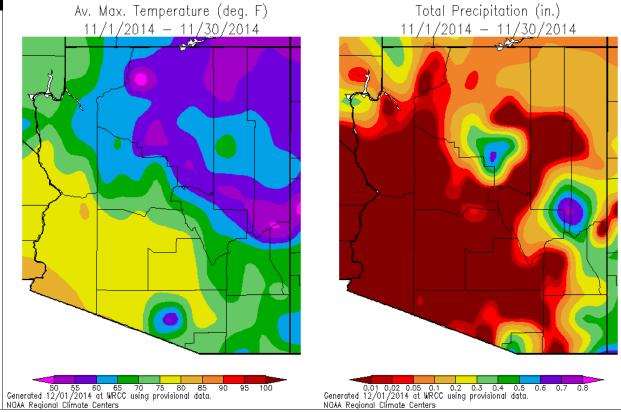


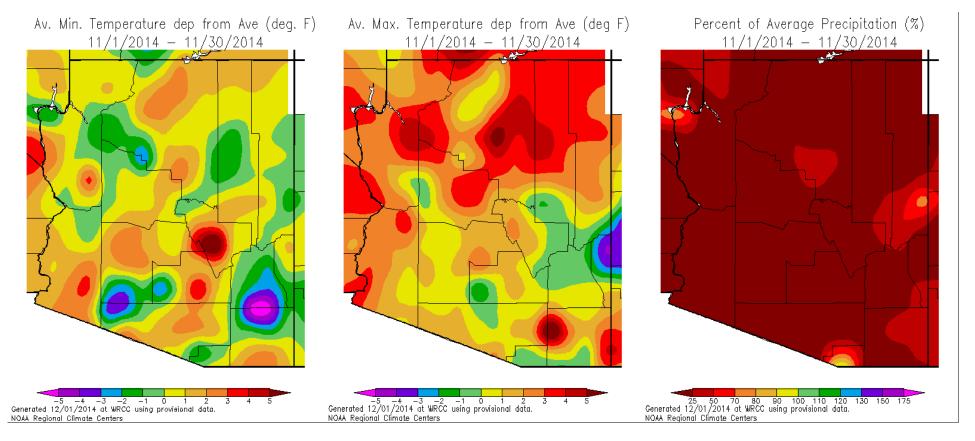


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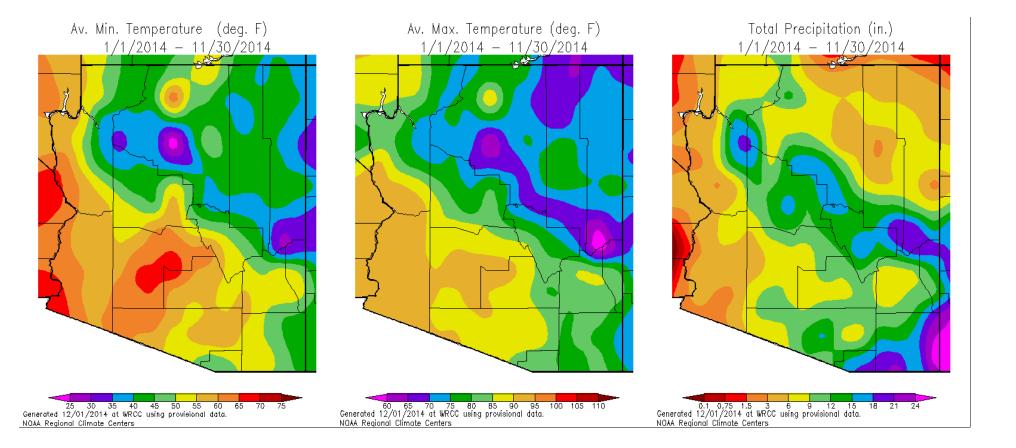
The highest average minimum temperature was 61°F at Yuma and the lowest average minimum temperature was 17°F at Grand Canyon Airport. The highest average maximum temperature was 83°F at Yuma and lowest average maximum temperature was 43°F at Snowslide Canyon.

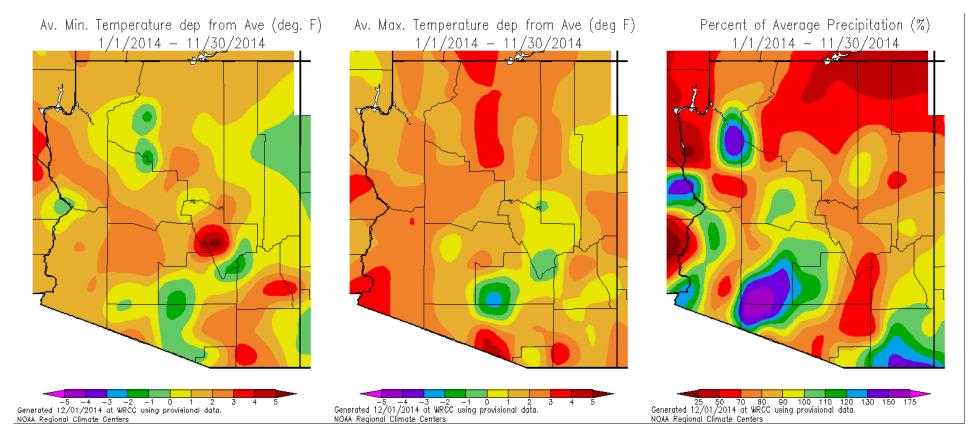






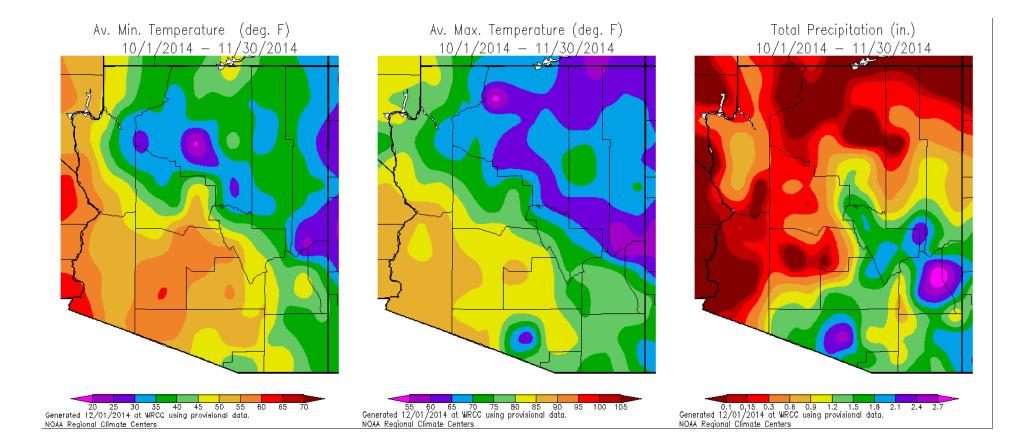
November minimum temperatures ranged from 3 degrees warmer to 3 degrees colder than normal across the state. Exceptions were Gila County, which reached over 5 degrees warmer than normal and southwest Maricopa/northwest Pima counties which was over 4 degrees cooler and southern Graham/northern Cochise counties which was over 5 degrees cooler than normal. Daytime temperatures were 1-5°F warmer than normal across northern Arizona. Southern Arizona was generally 0 to 2 degrees warmer than normal, with a few hot spots and east central Arizona was 2 to 4 degrees colder than normal. November precipitation was generally less than 25% of normal statewide.

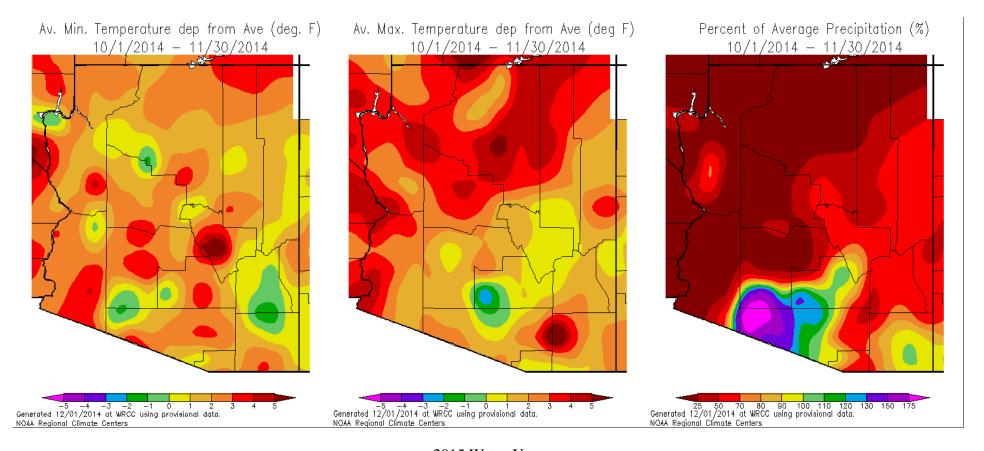




Calendar Year 2014

Calendar year minimum temperatures have been 0-3°F warmer than normal statewide with a few warmer and cooler pockets. Daytime highs have been 0 to 4°F warmer than normal statewide, though western Pinal County was 0-3 degrees cooler than normal. Precipitation so far this year has been less than 80% of normal in much of northeastern Arizona, and greater than 100% of normal central Mohave, southwestern Maricopa, western Pima and southern Cochise counties.

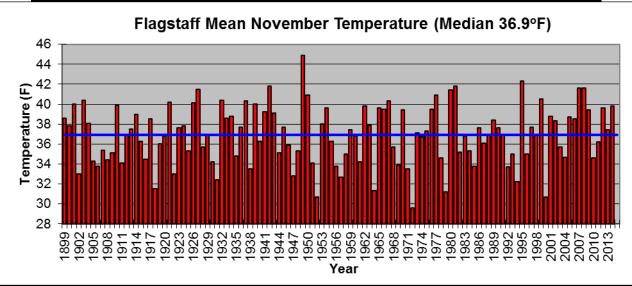


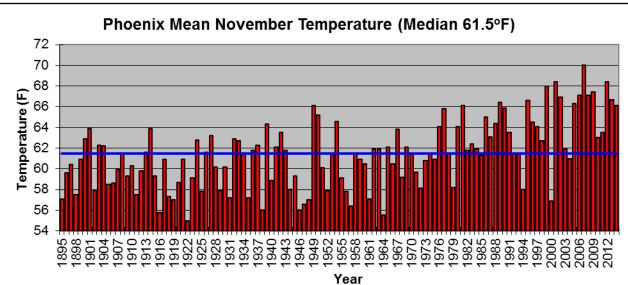


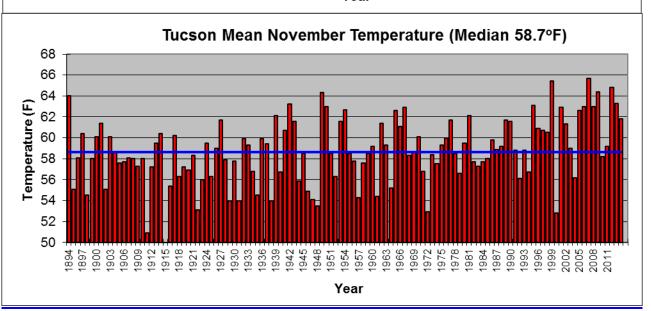
2015 Water Year

The new water year minimum temperatures have been 0-4°F warmer than normal statewide. Southern Graham/northern Cochise counties were up to 2 degrees colder than normal. Daytime temperatures were 2-5°F warmer than normal in northern Arizona, and 0-3°F warmer than normal in most of southern Arizona. Western Pinal County was 1-3 degrees cooler than normal. Precipitation was much higher than normal in western Pina County. The northwestern half of the state has received less than 25% of normal precipitation, while eastern Arizona has received less than 70% of normal precipitation.

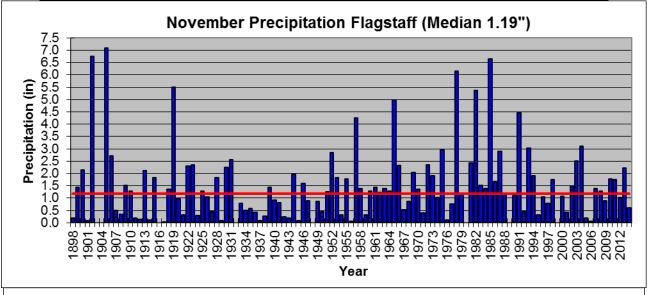
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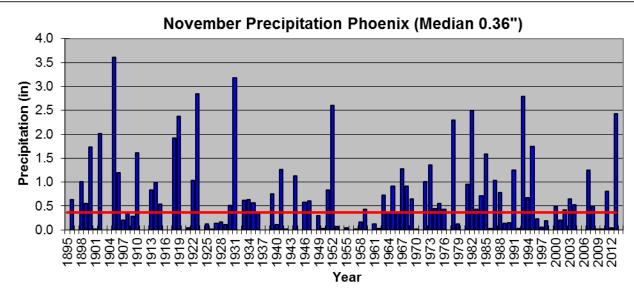


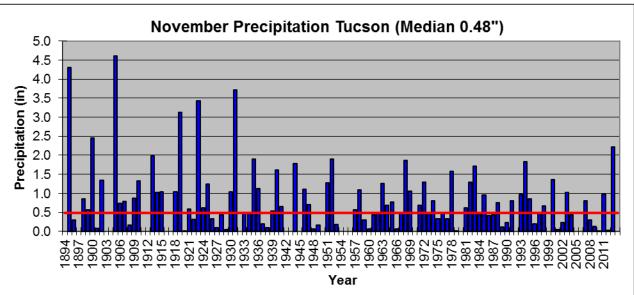




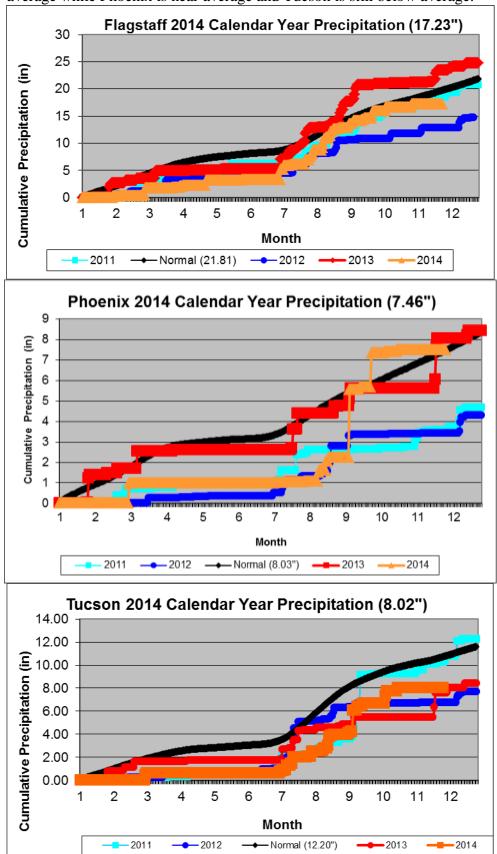
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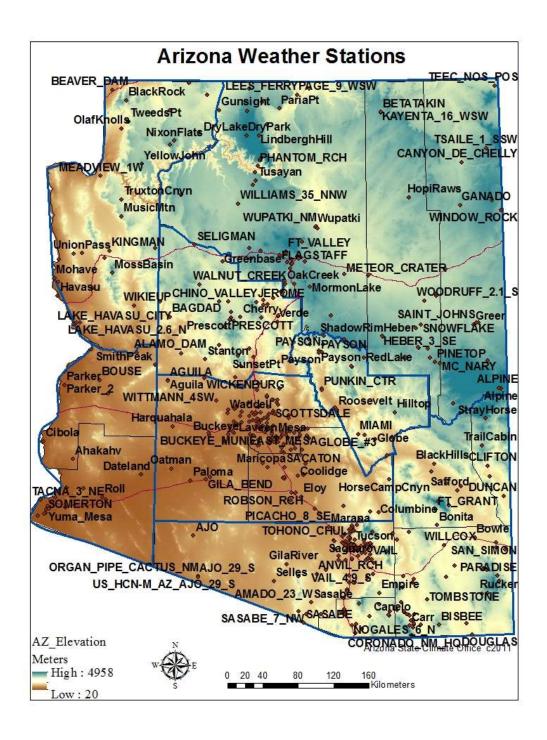






<u>2014 Cumulative Precipitation Graphs – Flagstaff, Phoenix and Tucson:</u> Flagstaff is just below average while Phoenix is near average and Tucson is still below average.





The downloadable normals and extremes calendars use the following abbreviations:

NORM = 30 year (1971-2000) average value (degrees Fahrenheit (F))

OBS = The temperature observation for that day this year

AVG = Average daily temperature

HI MAX = Highest maximum temperature for that day (F)

LO MAX = Lowest maximum temperature for that day (F)

LO MIN = Lowest minimum temperature for that day (F)

HI MIN = Highest minimum temperature for that day (F)

Mx PCP = Maximum precipitation for that day (inches)

Mx SNO = Maximum snowfall for that day (inches)