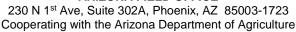
ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 27, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 82 percent of the durum wheat crop has matured compared with 58 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-two percent has been harvested compared with 21 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. Eighty-four percent of barley has matured compared with 71 percent last year, and 46 percent has been harvested compared with 26 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Cotton planting was 98 percent complete compared to 94 percent last year. Ninety-four percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 80 percent last year and only 6 percent has reached the squaring stage compared with 21 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews, and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and watermelons. Some other areas of Arizona shipped onions and potatoes. In the North Central part of the State, ranchers are seeking alternate sources of water for their livestock. Springs and water tanks are dry or drying quickly. Old forage is all that remains and is sparse and diminishing rapidly. In the Northwestern part of the State, ranchers have been reducing herd numbers due to a lack of forage and water. In the Southeastern part of the State, soil moisture and rangeland conditions are still very dry, and many ranchers are hauling water to cattle, but the cotton crop is still in good condition. In the South Central part of the Sate, extreme drought has been affecting crop and range conditions. In general, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor. For the week ending on May 27th, only Pipe Springs reported significant precipitation at 0.02 inches. Twenty of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 101 degrees at Robson Ranch and the lowest was 29 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley	-	-				
Mature	84	75	71	NA		
Harvested	46	34	26	NA		
Cotton						
Planted	98	92	94	97		
Emerged	94	82	80	NA		
Squaring	6		21	11		
Durum wheat						
Mature	82	70	58	NA		
Harvested	22	13	21	13		

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	4	2	NA
Short	19	22	7	NA
Adequate	74	71	91	NA
Surplus	3	3		NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	3	4	2	NA
Short	19	21	7	NA
Adequate	74	72	91	NA
Surplus	4	3		NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	•	,	4 /	,
Very poor			3	4
Poor	2	1	3	2
Fair	20	17	21	14
Good	52	56	39	40
Excellent	26	26	34	40
Barley				
Very poor			3	1
Poor	6	6	3	1
Fair	39	38	20	25
Good	32	35	53	50
Excellent	23	21	21	23
Cotton				374
Very poor				NA
Poor	2	2		NA
Fair	52	61	3	NA
Good	43	35	89	NA
Excellent	3	2	8	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor				
Poor		1		1
Fair	26	27	8	11
Good	30	30	69	59
Excellent	44	42	23	29
Pasture and range				_,
Very poor	61	58	7	19
Poor	24	32	21	22
Fair	11	6	26	29
Good	4	4	33	26
Excellent	· 		13	4

NA – not available

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics by State/Arizona/Publications/Crop Progress & Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-05272018.pdf

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