

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 15, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 98 percent of Barley has been harvested compared with 93 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-four percent of the cotton crop has reached the squaring stage compared with 85 percent last year, and 40 percent has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 53 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 two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central growers shipped honeydews. Central and Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, mixed melons, and watermelons. Generally, Pasture and Range conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor. In the Northeastern and South Central part of the State, recent rains have come. They seem to be spotty but the forecast calls for rain to continue through the upcoming week. In the North Central part of the State, some scattered rains were received but soil moisture is still scant at best. Range conditions are poor and forage will have little time to grow if adequate rain is realized. In the Northwestern part of the State, rains have been widely scattered but soil moisture is still short in many areas and range conditions are still very poor. In the Southeastern part of the State, a few scattered rains received during the week helped improve soil moisture, but not enough rain to fill water tanks. Some ranchers have been hauling water, and cutting back on their herd due to the drought. Farmers have reported good cotton conditions in this area. In the South Central part of the State, some scattered thunderstorms were received. For the week ending on July 15<sup>th</sup>, all but 1 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Bullhead City reporting the least at 0.02 inches while Heber and Tucson reported the most at 2.57 inches. All but 6 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported below normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 115 degrees at Parker, and the lowest was 47 degrees at Pipe Springs. Twenty-four of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater, with 6 of those stations reporting 110 degrees or more.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested .....	98	94	93	93
Cotton				
Squaring .....	94	85	85	87
Setting Bolls.....	40	32	53	50

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	6.5	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	3	4	--	NA
Short.....	7	10	6	NA
Adequate.....	86	84	94	NA
Surplus.....	4	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	4	--	NA
Short.....	6	10	10	NA
Adequate.....	87	84	90	NA
Surplus.....	4	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	3
Poor.....	5	5	5	3
Fair.....	23	22	29	17
Good.....	40	41	33	42
Excellent.....	31	31	33	35
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	2	2	1
Fair.....	63	54	15	12
Good.....	29	38	64	53
Excellent.....	8	6	19	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	68	70	30	28
Poor.....	20	20	23	20
Fair.....	8	7	25	31
Good.....	4	3	19	19
Excellent.....	--	--	3	2

NA – not available

(--)- zero

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-07152018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-07152018.pdf)

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