

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 12, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 91 percent of cotton has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 88 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-five percent has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 27 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 over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons. Arizona growers also shipped red and yellow potatoes. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly very poor to poor. In the North Central part of the State, the occasional monsoon rains have helped forage growth and to fill water tanks, but most of the range land is still dry. Forage conditions have shown slight improvement in the Northwestern part of the State, but areas remain abnormally dry and the soil moisture profile is still lacking as evidenced by the ongoing below normal stream flows. Most of the cotton looks in good condition in the Southwestern part of the State and ranchers are still hauling water and selling off some of their older herd. For the week ending on August 12th, all but 6 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Mohave and St. Johns reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Mesa reported the most at 2.67 inches. Thirty of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 118 degrees at Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was 44 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Thirty-five of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater, with 17 stations reporting values at or over 110 degrees.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	91	88	88	90
Bolls Opening	25	22	27	30

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.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	10	10	3	NA
Adequate.....	89	90	96	NA
Surplus.....	1	--	1	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	--	--	NA
Short.....	8	11	3	NA
Adequate.....	89	89	97	NA
Surplus.....	1	--	--	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.....	2	2	5	4
Poor.....	10	13	11	5
Fair.....	19	27	26	20
Good.....	42	37	30	41
Excellent.....	27	21	28	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	2	3	3	1
Fair.....	56	62	14	12
Good.....	35	33	58	51
Excellent.....	6	1	23	34
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	65	74	8	20
Poor.....	23	24	21	17
Fair.....	6	1	22	28
Good.....	4	1	31	28
Excellent.....	2	--	18	7

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-08122018.pdf

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