

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 74 percent of cotton has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 83 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty percent has been defoliated compared with 19 percent last year, and 8 percent has been harvested compared with 6 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 three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly poor to very poor. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons. In other parts of the State, producers shipped potatoes. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, high temperatures have been affecting range conditions in some areas. Soil moisture is still lacking in most areas of the North Central part of the State, but forage is growing in most areas of the Northwestern part of the State. Rain received over the week helped to improve range and crop conditions in the Southeastern part of the State. In the South Central part of the State, few inches of rain have caused flooding near Amado. For the week ending on September 9<sup>th</sup>, 28 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Page and Robson Ranch reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Willcox reported the most at 1.95 inches. Only 13 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 114 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 40 degrees at Springerville. Twenty-two of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	74	63	83	73
Defoliated .....	20	14	19	19
Harvested .....	8	NA	6	5

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.....	15	18	3	NA
Adequate.....	83	80	97	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	14	17	3	NA
Adequate.....	84	81	97	NA
Surplus.....	2	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	4
Poor.....	7	15	8	4
Fair.....	16	22	26	18
Good.....	47	38	33	43
Excellent.....	30	25	32	31
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	3	2	2
Poor.....	2	4	5	2
Fair.....	46	38	15	10
Good.....	41	42	54	47
Excellent.....	10	13	24	39
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	29	38	7	18
Poor.....	30	26	7	11
Fair.....	16	20	27	28
Good.....	19	14	40	33
Excellent.....	6	2	19	10

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-09092018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-09092018.pdf)

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