

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 7, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, bolls had opened on virtually all of the cotton crop compared with 95 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Forty-five percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 40 percent last year, and 25 percent had been harvested compared with 21 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on two-thirds 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 last week. In other parts of the State, producers shipped potatoes. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, remnants of tropical storm Rosa provided some much needed moisture replenishment, but it is too late in the season for any significant and sustained forage growth. The rain received this week halted cotton defoliation and harvest in the South Central part of the State. Much of the cotton that has been defoliated may have to be defoliated again before it can be harvested. For the week ending on October 7<sup>th</sup>, all 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Ajo reporting the most at 5.03 inches while Poston and Willcox reported the least at 0.06 inches. Twenty-seven of the 48 reporting weather stations reported below normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 100 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 32 degrees at Flagstaff, Heber, and Springerville. Only Parker 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 .....	99	98	97	95
Defoliated .....	45	42	40	36
Harvested .....	25	22	21	19

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.....	5.6	6.6	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	4	12	18	NA
Adequate.....	90	86	82	NA
Surplus.....	6	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	5	14	19	NA
Adequate.....	89	85	81	NA
Surplus.....	6	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.....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	2	2	2	3
Fair.....	17	16	15	20
Good.....	56	54	43	43
Excellent.....	25	28	40	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	3
Poor.....	10	5	4	2
Fair.....	32	41	10	15
Good.....	47	40	64	53
Excellent.....	10	13	18	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	34	7	15
Poor.....	36	37	4	11
Fair.....	15	15	40	31
Good.....	10	6	44	37
Excellent.....	7	8	5	6

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-10072018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-10072018.pdf)

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