

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 14, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, bolls had opened on virtually all of the cotton crop compared with 99 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 46 percent last year, and 26 percent had been harvested compared with 24 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 almost 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 cantaloupes, and Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. In the Northeastern and East Central parts of the State, rain was received, but reservation lands are still dry. Rain and wet field conditions have been delaying cotton and alfalfa harvest in the South Central part of the State. For the week ending on October 14th, all but 2 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Phoenix reporting the most at 2.23 inches while Yuma MCAS reported the least at 0.02 inches. All 48 reporting weather stations reported below normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 90 degrees at Yuma Valley. The lowest temperature during the week was 28 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	100	99	99	99
Defoliated	50	45	46	43
Harvested	26	25	24	25

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.....	6.0	5.6	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	4	4	23	NA
Adequate.....	88	90	76	NA
Surplus.....	8	6	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	3	NA
Short.....	4	5	22	NA
Adequate.....	89	89	75	NA
Surplus.....	7	6	--	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.....	2	2	6	4
Fair.....	16	17	14	19
Good.....	52	56	35	42
Excellent.....	30	25	44	31
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	3	3
Poor.....	11	10	4	2
Fair.....	27	32	10	15
Good.....	51	47	64	52
Excellent.....	10	10	19	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	32	32	1	14
Poor.....	41	36	9	12
Fair.....	11	15	42	31
Good.....	12	10	43	37
Excellent.....	4	7	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-10142018.pdf

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