

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 21, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 62 percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 50 percent last year, and 29 percent had been harvested compared with 27 percent last year, according the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. 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 over 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 arugula, cantaloupes, honeydews, kale greens, lettuce, and spinach. Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, stock tanks have received water and the soil moisture profile is greatly increased. Although it is too late in the season to produce significant new forage, there is some greening in certain areas. Due to consistent showers, some ranchers in the Southeastern part of the State are reporting full water tanks, and some grass starting to grow. Some cotton fields were ready to be picked, however due to rain, the fields have been too wet, and the cotton is beginning to green up again. For the week ending on October 21st, 32 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Sahuarita reporting the most at 1.27 inches while Kingman reported the least at 0.01 inches. All but 2 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported below normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 93 degrees at Parker and Phoenix. The lowest temperature during the week was 25 degrees at Flagstaff and Kayenta.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	62	50	54	48
Harvested	29	26	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.....	5.6	6.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	4	4	19	NA
Adequate.....	79	88	80	NA
Surplus.....	17	8	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	4	4	18	NA
Adequate.....	80	89	81	NA
Surplus.....	16	7	--	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
Poor.....	6	2	7	4
Fair.....	13	16	20	20
Good.....	48	52	33	41
Excellent.....	31	30	38	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	2
Poor.....	8	11	3	3
Fair.....	24	27	16	17
Good.....	51	51	55	49
Excellent.....	14	10	24	29
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	26	32	1	14
Poor.....	32	41	12	11
Fair.....	20	11	37	33
Good.....	17	12	44	37
Excellent.....	5	4	6	5

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-10212018.pdf

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