

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 28, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 75 percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 67 percent last year, and 35 percent had been harvested compared with 37 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. Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydew melons last week, while Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, honeydews, kale greens, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, soil moisture has been replenished and stock tanks have received some water, but forage growth is minimal. In the Southwestern part of the State, reports indicate very few acres of cotton remain to be harvested. For the week ending on October 28th, 30 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Bisbee reporting the most at 1.60 inches while Teec Nos Pos reported the least at 0.01 inches. All but 12 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 95 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 25 degrees at Grand Canyon and Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	75	62	67	55
Harvested	35	29	37	37

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.....	6.3	5.6	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	3	4	16	NA
Adequate.....	88	79	83	NA
Surplus.....	9	17	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	4	4	16	NA
Adequate.....	89	80	83	NA
Surplus.....	7	16	--	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	2	1	4
Poor.....	4	6	7	4
Fair.....	19	13	19	21
Good.....	47	48	40	42
Excellent.....	29	31	33	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	3	1	2
Poor.....	10	8	3	3
Fair.....	31	24	19	17
Good.....	47	51	53	50
Excellent.....	10	14	24	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	22	26	1	14
Poor.....	27	32	16	13
Fair.....	29	20	45	33
Good.....	15	17	35	35
Excellent.....	7	5	3	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-10282018.pdf

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