

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 4, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 85 percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared with 74 percent last year, and 40 percent had been harvested compared with 42 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 two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly fair to poor. Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydew melons, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, and parsley last week, while Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, honeydew melons, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, red leaf lettuce, radicchio, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, soil moisture improved and stock tanks that were dry most of the year now have water. For the week ending on November 4<sup>th</sup>, 15 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Springerville reporting the most at 0.70 inches while Bowie reported the least at 0.01 inches. Twenty-three 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 21 degrees at Springerville.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated .....	85	75	74	62
Harvested .....	40	35	42	43

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	6.3	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	1	NA
Short.....	6	3	19	NA
Adequate.....	94	88	80	NA
Surplus.....	--	9	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	2	NA
Short.....	6	4	20	NA
Adequate.....	93	89	78	NA
Surplus.....	1	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.....	--	1	--	5
Poor.....	1	4	2	3
Fair.....	19	19	16	21
Good.....	47	47	48	43
Excellent.....	33	29	34	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	2
Poor.....	12	10	3	3
Fair.....	31	31	20	21
Good.....	45	47	56	48
Excellent.....	10	10	20	26
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	22	22	3	15
Poor.....	23	27	24	14
Fair.....	38	29	44	33
Good.....	16	15	28	34
Excellent.....	1	7	1	4

NA – not available

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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-11042018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-11042018.pdf)

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