

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: For the week ending December 8, 2019, 91 percent of the cotton crop was harvested compared to 86 percent the previous week and 84 percent the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Forty-four percent of the alfalfa crop was rated good to excellent. Alfalfa hay harvest was taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Pasture and range conditions were rated 36 percent good, a large increase from the previous week due to recent beneficial rain. Across the State, reporters indicated that recent storm precipitation has improved and restored soil moisture conditions, and filled tanks and ephemeral watersheds. In the Northwestern part of the State, winter forage has appeared in the warmer areas. However, the impact of recent rains on unharvested cotton quality and yields is yet to be determined.

Note: This report concludes the weekly crop progress report for 2019. Next year's Arizona weekly report will begin in March 2020.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Thursday, January 2, 2020; for January on Monday, January 27, 2020; and for February on Monday, February 24, 2020.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2019 season.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Harvested	91	86	84	84

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	4.2	4.3	NA	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	NA	NA
Short.....	--	6	NA	NA
Adequate	77	80	NA	NA
Surplus	23	14	NA	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	1	NA	NA
Short.....	2	8	NA	NA
Adequate	76	77	NA	NA
Surplus	22	14	NA	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	19	14	NA	NA
Poor.....	15	9	NA	NA
Fair.....	22	16	NA	NA
Good	29	37	NA	NA
Excellent	15	24	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	25	NA	NA
Poor.....	29	27	NA	NA
Fair.....	19	21	NA	NA
Good	36	27	NA	NA
Excellent	--	--	NA	NA

NA – not available

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