

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 26, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 88 percent of the cotton crop was setting bolls, compared with 70 percent last year and 15 percent had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 6 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to poor. In the north central part of the state, severe dryness was reported with very short soil moisture. No extreme or exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona. Some beneficial monsoon rain was received in the northwestern and south central part of the state and some improvement was seen in forage growth. In the northwestern part of the state, temperatures climbed to 115 degrees Fahrenheit and in the rest of the state the high temperatures were 105 to 110 degrees Fahrenheit.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls .....	88	75	70	68
Bolls opening .....	15	12	6	7

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 .....	6.5	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	13	2	2
Short.....	5	14	23	17
Adequate .....	78	73	75	77
Surplus .....	1	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	14	2	4
Short.....	3	12	20	12
Adequate .....	81	74	78	83
Surplus .....	--	--	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	7	--	7	6
Fair.....	11	17	15	18
Good .....	38	37	62	42
Excellent .....	44	46	16	30
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	10	3
Fair.....	8	4	34	24
Good .....	66	66	49	50
Excellent .....	26	30	7	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	5	11	6	21
Poor.....	27	25	29	20
Fair.....	48	39	35	31
Good .....	20	25	29	25
Excellent .....	--	--	1	3

NA – not available

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