

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 9, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 35 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 20 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 good. No exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona. In the northwestern, southwestern and south central parts of the State, abnormal dryness and constantly high temperatures over 110 degrees Fahrenheit have been affecting cotton and alfalfa crop conditions and progress. In the north central and south central parts of the state, severe dryness and dry winds have been affecting forage growth and drying stock tanks. Some spotty precipitation reported in the southeastern part of the state has improved rangeland.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	35	17	20	24

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	6.9	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	1	1
Short.....	7	6	20	16
Adequate	79	80	78	80
Surplus	1	1	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	14	1	4
Short.....	7	6	20	12
Adequate	79	80	79	83
Surplus	1	--	--	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	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	7	6
Fair.....	20	19	18	17
Good	39	39	59	44
Excellent	41	42	16	30
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	5	2
Fair.....	4	5	16	22
Good	66	66	61	50
Excellent	30	29	18	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	12	6	20
Poor.....	18	18	21	18
Fair.....	42	39	43	29
Good	19	23	29	27
Excellent	5	8	1	6

NA – not available

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