

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 16, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 46 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 32 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. No exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona. In the northwestern, southwestern and south central parts of the State, abnormal dryness and extremely high temperatures have been causing stress on cotton and alfalfa crops. In the north central part of the state, the lack of monsoon moisture has been affecting range conditions and increasing short soil moisture conditions. Some spotty precipitation was reported in the southeastern part of the state, but not enough to improve rangeland conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	46	35	32	34

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	7.0	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	16	13	2	2
Short.....	11	7	26	17
Adequate	73	79	71	77
Surplus	--	1	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	16	13	2	4
Short.....	10	7	28	14
Adequate	74	79	70	80
Surplus	--	1	--	2

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.....	19	20	21	19
Good	38	39	57	46
Excellent	43	41	15	26
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	10	4
Fair.....	8	4	25	21
Good	57	66	55	49
Excellent	35	30	10	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor	15	16	6	16
Poor.....	27	18	30	20
Fair.....	41	42	43	29
Good	17	19	20	28
Excellent	--	5	1	7

NA – not available

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