

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 70 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 46 percent last year and 3 percent had been defoliated compared with 7 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 good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage harvest across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to fair. No exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona. In the northwestern, southwestern, and south central parts of the state, severe dryness and extremely high temperatures have been causing stress on the cotton crop. Ranchers are hauling water and may need to sell calves early. In the north central part of the state, forage growth is nonexistent due to extreme heat and severe dryness.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	70	46	46	47
Defoliated	3	NA	7	4

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	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	16	2	2
Short.....	10	11	17	16
Adequate	77	73	80	80
Surplus	--	--	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	16	2	5
Short.....	10	10	19	12
Adequate	77	74	79	82
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	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	9	6
Fair.....	23	19	25	19
Good	40	38	48	42
Excellent	37	43	18	30
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	11	4
Fair.....	5	8	33	23
Good	66	57	46	48
Excellent	29	35	10	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	24	15	5	15
Poor.....	36	27	34	18
Fair.....	32	41	41	29
Good	8	17	19	29
Excellent	--	--	1	9

NA – not available

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