

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



United States Department of Agriculture
NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE
ARIZONA FIELD OFFICE
 230 N 1st Ave, Suite 302A, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1723
 Cooperating with the Arizona Department of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:
 August 31, 2020

Contact: Dave DeWalt
 (800) 645-7286

CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 30, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 85 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 58 percent last year and 14 percent had been defoliated compared with 13 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, south central and southeastern parts of the state, extreme or severe dryness and extremely high temperatures have been causing stress on the cotton crop. In the north central part of the state, severe dryness has been affecting forage growth. In the eastern part of the state, some spotty rain was reported, but soil is still extremely dry.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	85	70	58	57
Defoliated	14	3	13	10

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	6.6	6.7	6.6	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	13	13	--	1
Short.....	4	10	14	15
Adequate	83	77	86	81
Surplus	--	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	13	--	3
Short.....	4	10	17	12
Adequate	83	77	83	83
Surplus	--	--	--	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	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	--	12	8
Fair.....	25	23	20	19
Good	45	40	42	39
Excellent	28	37	26	32
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	6	3
Fair.....	4	5	24	18
Good	65	66	51	52
Excellent	31	29	19	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor	28	24	2	12
Poor.....	40	36	33	17
Fair.....	28	32	50	32
Good	4	8	14	29
Excellent	--	--	1	10

NA – not available

(--)- zero