

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 92 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 66 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighteen percent had been defoliated compared with 18 percent last year, and 1 percent had been harvested compared with 1 percent last year. 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 across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to very poor. No exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona, but severe to extreme dryness and extremely high temperatures have affected forage growth in the entire state. In the north central part of the state, new forage growth has been non-existent. In the south and 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	92	85	66	69
Defoliated	18	14	18	18
Harvested	1	NA	1	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	7.0	6.6	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	17	13	2	1
Short	6	4	20	15
Adequate	77	83	77	80
Surplus	--	--	1	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	17	13	2	3
Short	6	4	24	13
Adequate	77	83	74	82
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	9	5
Fair.....	16	25	23	18
Good	47	45	51	45
Excellent	37	28	17	30
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	11	4
Fair.....	4	4	33	23
Good	65	65	45	48
Excellent	31	31	11	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	32	28	6	12
Poor.....	39	40	35	19
Fair.....	26	28	42	30
Good	3	4	17	30
Excellent	--	--	--	9

NA – not available

(--) – zero