

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 96 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 84 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-four percent the cotton acreage had been defoliated compared with 20 percent last year, and 7 percent had been harvested compared with 4 percent last year. 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 poor to very poor. Severe to extreme dryness and high temperatures have affected forage growth in the entire state. In the southeastern part of the state, severe drought is causing ranchers to wean and sell calves earlier this year. Ranchers are also hauling water and supplemental feeding. The cotton harvesting season may start a little earlier for some farmers in this southeastern area of the state due to ideal conditions for the crop.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	96	92	84	79
Defoliated .....	24	18	20	21
Harvested .....	7	1	4	8

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	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	18	17	2	1
Short .....	12	6	25	18
Adequate .....	70	77	72	78
Surplus .....	--	--	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	18	17	2	3
Short .....	11	6	26	15
Adequate .....	71	77	72	80
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.....	--	--	7	4
Fair.....	10	16	17	15
Good .....	44	47	54	49
Excellent .....	46	37	22	30
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	11	4
Fair.....	8	4	41	26
Good .....	56	65	39	45
Excellent .....	36	31	9	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	23	32	9	15
Poor.....	40	39	44	20
Fair.....	34	26	37	28
Good .....	3	3	10	26
Excellent .....	--	--	--	11

NA – not available

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