

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 60 percent of the cotton acreage had been defoliated compared with 50 percent last year, and 22 percent had been harvested compared with 21 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. Extreme to severe dryness and high temperatures have affected forage growth in the entire state. In the southwestern part of the state, ranchers are weaning calves early and providing supplemental feed. Cotton conditions have improved and farmers are getting ready to start harvesting. In the south central part of the state, some cotton fields had yet to be defoliated.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	60	50	50	46
Harvested	22	19	21	24

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.....	20	16	1	1
Short.....	14	13	20	17
Adequate	66	71	79	78
Surplus	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	20	16	1	4
Short.....	14	12	20	14
Adequate	66	72	79	79
Surplus	--	--	--	3

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.....	--	--	6	3
Fair.....	6	15	20	18
Good	43	43	55	46
Excellent	51	42	19	31
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	12	6
Fair.....	6	4	39	21
Good	56	65	41	49
Excellent	38	31	8	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor	5	14	20	14
Poor.....	24	26	43	24
Fair.....	51	42	22	28
Good	20	18	15	29
Excellent	--	--	--	5

NA – not available

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