

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 70 percent of the cotton acreage had been defoliated compared with 62 percent last year, and 27 percent had been harvested compared with 26 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 north central part of the state, stock tanks are empty and ranchers have been reducing their livestock herds in the northwestern part of the state. In the south central part of the state, precipitation totals have been below normal compared to previous years and are affecting soil moisture conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	70	60	62	53
Harvested	27	22	26	28

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	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	17	20	--	1
Short.....	19	14	20	16
Adequate	64	66	80	77
Surplus	--	--	--	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	17	20	--	3
Short.....	19	14	19	12
Adequate	64	66	81	80
Surplus	--	--	--	5

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.....	--	--	8	5
Fair.....	7	6	26	19
Good	38	43	56	44
Excellent	55	51	10	29
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	13	5
Fair.....	8	6	43	23
Good	47	56	40	48
Excellent	45	38	4	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor	14	5	22	14
Poor.....	28	24	45	21
Fair.....	45	51	16	29
Good	11	20	17	31
Excellent	2	--	--	5

NA – not available

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