

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 16, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 56 percent of the Durum wheat crop had matured compared with 31 percent last year, and 12 percent has been harvested compared with 5 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. Sixty-eight percent of the barley crop had matured compared with 65 percent last year, and 26 percent has been harvested compared with 1 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Eighty-seven percent of the cotton crop had been planted compared with 91 percent last year, and 69 percent had emerged compared with 78 percent last year. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. For the entire state, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor. Severe to exceptional drought covers 95 percent of the state, according the United States Drought Monitor, and continues to affect pasture and range conditions, forage growth, stream water, and stock tanks. Some ranchers have been hauling water and selling livestock at below market value rates. In Arizona, temperatures ranged from 50 to 90 degrees Fahrenheit, with the lower temperatures concentrated in the north central and northeastern part of the state.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Mature.....	68	64	65	NA
Harvested .....	26	17	1	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	87	75	91	88
Emerg ed.....	69	56	78	70
Durum wheat				
Mature.....	56	48	31	46
Harvested .....	12	5	5	NA

NA – not available

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### 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	13	23	6
Short.....	2	8	4	14
Adequate .....	80	79	73	76
Surplus .....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	18	11	23	9
Short.....	2	7	4	10
Adequate .....	80	82	73	77
Surplus .....	--	--	--	4

NA – not available

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**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	1	--	2
Fair.....	8	14	5	17
Good .....	27	30	44	49
Excellent .....	63	55	51	31
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	--	2
Fair.....	8	12	16	18
Good .....	52	50	69	57
Excellent .....	40	37	15	22
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	NA	--	1
Poor.....	--	NA	1	1
Fair.....	25	NA	16	16
Good .....	49	NA	64	68
Excellent .....	26	NA	19	14
Durum wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	4	7	--	9
Good .....	34	40	18	49
Excellent .....	62	53	82	42
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	74	73	1	19
Poor.....	14	17	12	16
Fair.....	6	5	44	27
Good .....	6	5	40	33
Excellent .....	--	--	3	5

NA – not available

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