ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 11, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 97 percent of the cotton crop had squared compared to 99 percent last year, 57 percent has reached the setting bolls stage compared to 48 percent last year, and 1 percent has reached the bolls opening stage, 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 over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. For the entire state, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor. Extreme to exceptional drought covers 90 percent of the state, according to the United States Drought Monitor, and continues to affect pasture and range conditions, forage growth, stream water, and stock tank water supply. Some hail damage affected crop conditions and progress in the southwestern part of the state. Drought in this part of the state has also affected alfalfa and cotton crop conditions and ranchers have been hauling water, selling herds or, in some cases, losing older livestock. Precipitation was reported in the south central part of the state. The highest temperatures were recorded on the east side of the state.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
Cotton	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Squaring	97	88	99	89		
Setting Bolls	57	41	48	40		
Bolls Opening	1	NA	3	2		

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	6.7	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short		5	13	4
Short	11	12	15	15
Adequate	89	80	72	79
Surplus		3		2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short		1	14	7
Short	13	10	11	11
Adequate	87	89	75	80
Surplus				2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	*		* ,	
Very poor				1
Poor	2	1		3
Fair	19	14	9	17
Good	32	30	36	45
Excellent	47	55	55	34
Cotton				
Very poor	1	1		1
Poor	5	5		1
Fair	16	14	7	22
Good	59	55	57	54
Excellent	19	25	36	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor	71	71	4	25
Poor	7	12	27	21
Fair	16	14	48	32
Good	6	3	21	21
Excellent				1

NA – not available

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