

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 8, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 99 percent of the cotton crop has reached the setting bolls stage compared to 98 percent last year and 30 percent has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 32 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 over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. For the entire state, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor to fair. Moderate to exceptional drought covers only 35.8 percent of the state compared to 51.7 percent last week, according to the United States Drought Monitor, and continues to affect pasture and range conditions. In the north central and northwestern part of the state, monsoon rains have helped improve forage growth and soil moisture conditions. In the south central and southeastern part of the state, monsoon rains have helped improve crop and range conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	99	92	98	90
Bolls Opening.....	30	22	32	24

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	5.9	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	13	3
Short.....	5	--	7	14
Adequate	80	76	79	81
Surplus	15	24	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	13	6
Short.....	4	--	7	10
Adequate	84	79	79	83
Surplus	12	21	1	1

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	3	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	12	--	6
Fair.....	20	22	20	19
Good	28	19	39	44
Excellent	45	47	41	29
Cotton				
Very poor	--	1	--	1
Poor.....	2	5	--	2
Fair.....	16	14	4	19
Good	56	49	66	55
Excellent	26	31	30	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	51	60	16	22
Poor.....	13	13	18	20
Fair.....	23	14	42	30
Good	2	3	19	22
Excellent	11	10	5	6

NA – not available

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