

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 15, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 37 percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 44 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 fair 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. Exceptional drought covers only 5.88 percent of the state compared to 6.05 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. Stock tanks have been filling again, but supplemental feed is still necessary due to the timing of the rain in some northwestern areas. In the south central and southeastern part of the state, heavy monsoon rains have helped improve soil and drought conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	37	30	44	34

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	5.2	7.0	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	16	4
Short.....	--	5	11	16
Adequate	85	80	73	78
Surplus	15	15	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	16	7
Short.....	--	4	10	13
Adequate	87	84	74	78
Surplus	13	12	--	2

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	--	2
Poor.....	13	4	--	6
Fair.....	22	20	19	21
Good	19	28	38	45
Excellent	46	45	43	26
Cotton				
Very poor	1	--	--	1
Poor.....	4	2	--	3
Fair.....	13	16	8	19
Good	51	56	57	52
Excellent	31	26	35	25
Pasture and range				
Very poor	42	51	15	18
Poor.....	15	13	27	22
Fair.....	25	23	41	31
Good	5	2	17	23
Excellent	13	11	--	6

NA – not available

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