

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 29, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 77 percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 83 percent last year, and 9 percent had been defoliated compared with 12 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 fair to good. Extreme to exceptional drought covers only 15.50 percent of the state compared to 33.98 percent last week, according to the United States Drought Monitor, but 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 most stock tanks were filled. In the south central and southeastern part of the state, forage growth has been affected due to high temperatures, but forecasted moisture is expected for the upcoming week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	77	54	83	63
Defoliated .....	9	1	12	10

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 .....	6.7	6.0	6.6	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	13	3
Short.....	6	--	4	13
Adequate .....	94	94	83	83
Surplus .....	--	6	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	13	5
Short.....	6	--	4	10
Adequate .....	94	96	83	84
Surplus .....	--	4	--	1

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 .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	6	4	2	8
Fair.....	14	16	25	21
Good .....	35	27	45	40
Excellent .....	45	53	28	30
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	1	--	2
Poor.....	3	3	--	3
Fair.....	18	18	4	16
Good .....	51	42	65	55
Excellent .....	28	36	31	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	19	33	28	16
Poor.....	13	18	40	23
Fair.....	37	28	28	31
Good .....	24	10	4	22
Excellent .....	7	11	--	8

NA – not available

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