

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Ninety-five percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 98 percent last year, 41 percent of the crop had been defoliated compared to 30 percent last year, and 12 percent had been harvested compared with 11 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-four percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Eighty-seven percent of the alfalfa crop was rated excellent to good depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Eighty-six percent of the pasture and range was rated good to fair. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of September 14, 2021, extreme to exceptional drought still covers 23.77 percent of the state. In the eastern part of the state, lower night temperatures and a lack of rain have affected forage growth in some areas. Heavy rains were reported in the north central part of the state. Higher temperatures were concentrated in the west side of the state.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	95	93	98	91
Defoliated	41	36	30	26
Harvested	12	8	11	12

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	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	15	3
Short.....	12	6	15	20
Adequate	88	93	70	75
Surplus	--	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	15	6
Short.....	11	5	14	17
Adequate	89	94	71	76
Surplus	--	1	--	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.....	2	6	--	4
Fair.....	11	16	14	17
Good	39	39	42	46
Excellent	48	39	44	32
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	5	4	--	3
Fair.....	11	9	4	23
Good	50	52	63	50
Excellent	34	35	33	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	32	21
Poor.....	3	3	39	24
Fair.....	39	48	25	27
Good	47	38	4	21
Excellent	10	10	--	7

NA – not available

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