

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 26, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Forty-nine percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared to 39 percent last year, and 14 percent had been harvested compared with 15 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Eighty-six 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 21, 2021, extreme to exceptional drought covers 22.73 percent of the state. In the eastern part of the state, lower overnight temperatures have affected forage growth. Light rains were reported in the north central and eastern 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				
Defoliated	49	41	39	32
Harvested	14	12	15	16

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	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	22	5
Short.....	13	12	10	17
Adequate	87	88	68	76
Surplus	--	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	24	8
Short.....	11	11	7	14
Adequate	89	89	69	77
Surplus	--	--	--	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	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	2	--	2
Fair.....	12	11	22	21
Good	31	39	43	46
Excellent	55	48	35	29
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	--	4
Fair.....	17	11	2	22
Good	53	50	72	53
Excellent	27	34	26	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor	2	1	23	18
Poor.....	5	3	30	25
Fair.....	32	39	34	29
Good	54	47	9	22
Excellent	7	10	4	6

NA – not available

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