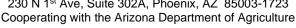


ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fifty-eight percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared to 49 percent last year, and 19 percent had been harvested compared with 19 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. Seventy-nine percent of the pasture and range was rated good to fair. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of September 28, 2021, severe to exceptional drought covers 40.02 percent of the state. In the eastern part of the state, lower overnight temperatures have affected forage growth. Rainfall was reported in the central and south eastern part of the state. Higher temperatures were concentrated in the southwestern part of the state.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated	58	49	49	39
Harvested	19	14	19	19

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	7.0	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short			16	3
Short	11	13	13	17
Adequate	89	87	71	78
Surplus				2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short			16	6
Short	11	11	12	14
Adequate	89	89	72	78
Surplus				2

NA - not available

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	•		•	· ·
Very poor				1
Poor	1	2		2
Fair	12	12	15	17
Good	27	31	43	48
Excellent	60	55	42	32
Cotton				
Very poor				2
Poor	5	3		5
Fair	11	17	4	18
Good	48	53	65	56
Excellent	36	27	31	19
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	2	14	15
Poor	4	5	26	24
Fair	34	32	42	32
Good	45	54	18	25
Excellent	16	7		4

NA – not available

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