

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF DECEMBER 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the month, cotton harvest was 98 percent complete, compared with 68 percent on the last report and 97 percent for the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-six percent of barley has been planted and 9 percent has emerged. Twenty-two percent of Durum wheat has been planted and 4 percent has emerged. Ninety-five percent of the alfalfa crop was rated good to excellent depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. For the entire State, 79 percent of the pasture and range was rated fair to good as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor for December 27, severe drought covered 7.9 percent of the State. The State was free of extreme and exceptional drought. In the northwestern part of the State, some spotty, heavy rains and snowfall were reported, but some areas were still very dry. Most range conditions fall in the fair category due to the presence of different weed species. In the western part of the State, last week rains have helped to improve soil moisture, but overall, during the entire month, below normal precipitations have affected soil conditions. In the last 30 days, the average minimum temperature was reported around the 15 Fahrenheit degrees, mostly in the north central and central east part of the State.

Note: Monthly reports will be released for January on January 30, 2023; and for February on February 27, 2023.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	26	NA	46	NA
Emerged	9	NA	41	NA
Cotton				
Harvested	98	68	97	NA
Durum wheat				
Planted	22	NA	43	NA
Emerged	4	NA	18	NA

NA – not available

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SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short	2	2	--	NA
Short	7	3	5	NA
Adequate	90	94	95	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	3	--	NA
Short	2	1	7	NA
Adequate	95	95	93	NA
Surplus	1	1	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	2	--	NA
Poor.....	--	2	--	NA
Fair.....	5	7	6	NA
Good	68	49	42	NA
Excellent	27	40	52	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	6	3	3	NA
Poor.....	11	9	8	NA
Fair.....	40	50	54	NA
Good	38	25	34	NA
Excellent	5	13	1	NA

NA – not available

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