

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By September 11, 72 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 92 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 also rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, with harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Severe drought remained over 23 percent of the State, and there were no areas of exceptional drought, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. In the northeastern part of the State, hailstorms damaged the sweet corn crop. Heavy rains affected some hay and alfalfa fields in the north central and northeastern part of the State. In the north central part of the State, low temperatures below 65 degrees Fahrenheit were reported, and high temperatures over 95 degrees were reported in the western part of the State.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	72	70	92	86

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.....	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	10	8	--	4
Short .....	8	2	6	14
Adequate .....	80	85	93	81
Surplus .....	2	5	1	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	9	10	--	4
Short .....	8	4	5	13
Adequate .....	79	85	94	83
Surplus .....	4	1	1	--

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	6	5	--	--
Poor.....	6	6	6	5
Fair.....	14	10	16	16
Good.....	38	40	39	46
Excellent.....	36	39	39	33
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	4
Fair.....	10	5	9	25
Good.....	49	49	52	48
Excellent.....	41	46	35	23
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	2	--	1	16
Poor.....	9	8	3	25
Fair.....	40	43	48	32
Good.....	32	29	38	19
Excellent.....	17	20	10	8

NA – not available

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