

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By September 18, 77 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 95 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. 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 extreme or exceptional drought, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. In the northeastern part of the State, hay farmers have been interplanting summer annual grasses with perennial grass crops. Sweet corn crop harvesting season is wrapping up. In the north central part of the State, over 3 inches of precipitation and low temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit were reported.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	77	72	95	93
Harvested.....	12	--	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.....	5.6	6.7	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	10	--	3
Short.....	4	8	12	17
Adequate	84	80	88	79
Surplus	2	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	10	9	--	3
Short.....	4	8	11	17
Adequate	82	79	89	80
Surplus	4	4	--	--

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	7	6	--	--
Poor.....	5	6	2	4
Fair.....	13	14	11	16
Good.....	39	38	39	45
Excellent.....	36	36	48	35
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	5	4
Fair.....	12	10	11	23
Good.....	44	49	50	49
Excellent.....	42	41	34	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	19
Poor.....	10	9	3	23
Fair.....	41	40	39	28
Good.....	27	32	47	23
Excellent.....	20	17	10	7

NA – not available

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