

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By September 25, 79 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 96 percent last year, and 15 percent had been harvested, compared with 14 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 excellent to good, depending on location last week, with harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rain has hampered hay production, leading to slow to moderate trading in the hay market over the last week, although demand was still good for higher quality alfalfa hay. 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, heavy rains have caused flash flood events on rangelands and have affected alfalfa production, with some producers wrapping up harvest for the year. Other specialty crops such as pumpkins and watermelons, and forage corn were still ripening. In the southeastern part of the State, over 4.5 inches of precipitation was reported. Forage growth has been affected by cooler night temperatures. In the north central and southeastern part of the state, low temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit were reported. In the south-central and western part of the State, sporadic rainfall has helped to improve soil moisture.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	79	77	96	96
Harvested.....	15	12	14	15

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.....	5.5	5.6	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	10	--	4
Short.....	5	4	13	14
Adequate	84	84	87	81
Surplus	2	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	10	--	5
Short.....	5	4	11	14
Adequate	81	82	89	80
Surplus	6	4	--	1

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	7	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	2	2
Fair.....	12	13	12	19
Good.....	36	39	31	44
Excellent.....	42	36	55	34
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	3	5
Fair.....	13	12	17	23
Good.....	46	44	53	52
Excellent.....	39	42	27	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	2	17
Poor.....	7	10	5	23
Fair.....	37	41	32	29
Good.....	35	27	54	25
Excellent.....	19	20	7	6

NA – not available

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