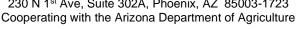


## **ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS**

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By October 3, 86 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 98 percent last year, and 21 percent had been harvested, compared with 18 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. 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. Slow to moderate trading in the hay market over the last week was reported as hay production has been picking back up, and demand was still good for higher quality alfalfa hay. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Severe drought remained over 18.5 percent of the State compared with 25 percent last week. 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, spotty rains have helped to improve soil and rangeland conditions. Other specialty and fall crops such as pumpkins and watermelons, and forage corn are ready for harvest. Most federal grazing permits are ending, and ranchers have been moving their herds to private or state pastures. An extended monsoon season has kept improving forage growth and range conditions in the south-central part of the State, low temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit were reported.

## **CROP PROGRESS**

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
Cotton	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Bolls opening	86	79	98	98		
Harvested	21	15	18	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	7.0	5.5	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	9		3
Short	1	5	11	13
Adequate	87	84	89	83
Surplus	2	2		1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	8		3
Short	1	5	11	13
Adequate	87	81	89	83
Surplus	4	6		1

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION					
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	
Alfalfa hay	. ,				
Very poor	11	7			
Poor	3	3	1	2	
Fair	5	12	12	15	
Good	30	36	27	45	
Excellent	51	42	60	38	
Cotton					
Very poor	2	1		1	
Poor		1	5	6	
Fair	4	13	11	17	
Good	46	46	48	55	
Excellent	48	39	36	21	
Pasture and range					
Very poor	2	2	1	13	
Poor	4	7	4	22	
Fair	35	37	34	32	
Good	31	35	45	27	
Excellent	28	19	16	6	

NA – not available (--) – zero