

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, producers had seeded 90 percent of the barley crop, 71 percent had emerged, and 23 percent had headed, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-one percent of Durum wheat had been planted, 77 percent had emerged, and 22 percent had headed. Ninety-two percent of the alfalfa crop was rated good to excellent last week, with harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sixty-seven percent of the pastures and ranges were rated fair to good as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor by March 6, abnormally drought covered 32.4 percent of the State, moderate drought covered 13.1 percent, and severe drought was present across just 1.2 percent. The State was free of extreme and exceptional drought. In the northeastern part of the State, near steady snowfall allowed for some moisture retention in the soil. In the south-central part of the State, abnormal snow was reported in the area. In the western part of the State, a few freezes resulted in alfalfa frost damage. Above average precipitation was reported in the central part of the State during the week. In the last 7 days, the average minimum temperature was reported around the 15 Fahrenheit degrees, mostly in the north central part of the State. The average maximum was around 65 Fahrenheit degrees, mostly in the southwestern part of the State.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	90	44	NA	NA
Emerged.....	71	36	NA	NA
Headed.....	23	3	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Planted	91	63	NA	NA
Emerged.....	77	27	NA	NA
Headed.....	22	1	NA	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	NA	6.7	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	26	6
Short.....	1	1	11	13
Adequate	91	92	63	79
Surplus	7	6	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	23	6
Short.....	1	1	6	10
Adequate	92	92	71	83
Surplus	6	6	--	1

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	8	3	10	13
Good.....	69	67	37	54
Excellent.....	23	30	53	33
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	5	3
Fair.....	--	--	11	23
Good.....	65	53	53	60
Excellent.....	35	47	31	14
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	1
Fair.....	--	--	4	6
Good.....	36	23	25	66
Excellent.....	64	77	69	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	7	8	22
Poor.....	14	15	75	33
Fair.....	38	44	7	27
Good.....	29	28	10	16
Excellent.....	12	6	--	2

NA – not available

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