

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, producers had seeded 95 percent of the barley crop compared with 92 percent last year, 79 percent had emerged compared with 84 percent last year, and 29 percent had headed the same as the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Ninety-six percent of the Durum wheat was planted, 89 percent had emerged compared with 95 percent last year, and 27 percent had headed compared with 12 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. One percent of cotton had been planted. Ninety-four 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-nine percent of the pastures and ranges were rated good to fair as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of March 12, abnormally drought covered 32.4 percent of the State, moderate drought covered 13.1 percent, and severe drought was present across just 0.4 percent. The State was free of extreme and exceptional drought. In the northeastern part of the State, soil moisture still in adequate conditions improving forage growth. In the south-eastern part of the State, spring livestock forage growth, like Filaree, has improved considerably. Above average precipitation was reported in the north central and west central part of the State during the week. In the last 7 days, the average minimum temperature was reported around 20 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the north central part of the State. The average maximum was around 80 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the southwestern part of the State.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	95	90	92	NA
Emerged.....	79	71	84	84
Headed.....	29	23	29	26
Cotton				
Planted .....	1	NA	2	8
Durum wheat				
Planted .....	96	91	NA	NA
Emerged.....	89	77	95	90
Headed.....	27	22	12	12

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	7.0	7.0	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	17	4
Short .....	1	1	12	14
Adequate .....	91	91	71	80
Surplus .....	7	7	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	1	14	4
Short .....	1	1	6	11
Adequate .....	92	92	80	83
Surplus .....	6	6	--	2

NA – not available  
 (–) – zero

**CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	6	8	6	12
Good.....	67	69	33	50
Excellent.....	27	23	61	37
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	--	--	2	23
Good.....	74	65	58	58
Excellent.....	26	35	40	18
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	--
Fair.....	--	--	1	6
Good.....	39	36	23	59
Excellent.....	61	64	76	35
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	4	7	3	20
Poor.....	9	14	73	30
Fair.....	31	38	11	28
Good.....	38	29	13	21
Excellent.....	18	12	--	1

NA – not available

(--) – zero