

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 73 percent of the barley had headed, 9 percentage points behind the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-three percent of the barley was rated in good to excellent condition. Fifty-two percent of the Durum wheat had headed, 22 percentage points behind the previous year. Ninety-nine percent of the Durum wheat was rated in excellent to good condition. Thirteen percent of the cotton had been planted, 3 percentage points behind the previous year. Three percent of the cotton had emerged, one percentage point behind previous year. Ninety-seven percent of the alfalfa crop was rated in good to excellent condition, 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 in good to fair condition as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of April 9, abnormally dry conditions covered 11.1 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 7.5 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. In the north-eastern part of the State, farmers were tilling and cultivating crops, and alfalfa growth had shown some improvement. Drought conditions increased in the upper part of the tilled fields. In the south-eastern part of the State, farmers started pre-irrigation season in crop fields. Farmers were planning to start planting cotton seed during the upcoming weeks due to cold soil conditions reported these past few weeks. In the south-central part of the State, the soil started to dry out, but crops and range land were still in good conditions. Below average precipitation was reported in the entire state. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center, in the last 7 days, the average minimum temperature was reported 15 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the north central and eastern part of the State. The average maximum was 80 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the south-western and south-central part of the State.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	73	54	82	70
Cotton				
Planted	13	7	16	27
Emerged.....	3	--	4	NA
Durum wheat				
Headed.....	52	39	74	59

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.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	19	4
Short	3	2	21	15
Adequate	95	94	60	80
Surplus	1	3	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	18	4
Short	2	6	20	12
Adequate	96	91	62	83
Surplus	1	2	--	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.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	3	1	11	15
Good.....	62	64	37	44
Excellent.....	35	35	52	40
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	2
Fair.....	7	1	13	22
Good.....	78	75	53	55
Excellent.....	15	24	30	21
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	4	1
Fair.....	1	--	11	8
Good.....	34	26	25	47
Excellent.....	65	74	60	44
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	7	13	27
Poor.....	17	12	50	25
Fair.....	33	28	30	22
Good.....	34	40	7	23
Excellent.....	6	13	--	3

NA – not available

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