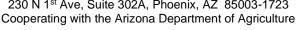


## **ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS**

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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 93 percent of the barley had headed, even with the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-eight percent of the barley had matured, and 96 percent of the barley was rated in good to excellent condition. Seventy-eight percent of the Durum wheat had headed, 14 percentage points behind the previous year. Thirteen percent of the Durum wheat had matured, and 99 percent of the Durum wheat was rated in excellent to good condition. Thirty-three percent of the cotton had been planted, 15 percentage points behind the previous year. Ten percent of the cotton had emerged, 13 percentage points behind the previous year. Cotton farmers, except for the southwestern part of the State, remained a few weeks behind due to soil conditions and temperature. In northeastern counties, reports noted conditions were dry and field preparations were underway. Ninety-six 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. Seventy-four percent of the Duried States Drought Monitor as of April 18, abnormally dry conditions covered 16.5 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 1.5 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. Minimal 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 as 25 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the south-central and north-eastern part of the State. The average maximum was above 90 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the south-central and south-western part of the State.

CROP PROGRESS						
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Barley	. ,					
Headed	93	85	93	93		
Mature	28	10	27	NA		
Cotton						
Planted	33	21	48	48		
Emerged	10	5	23	25		
Durum wheat						
Headed	78	71	92	90		
Mature	13	8	19	NA		

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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	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	<u> </u>		21	9
Short	14	6	25	12
Adequate	85	94	54	77
Surplus				2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	20	8
Short	13	4	17	11
Adequate	86	95	63	79
Surplus				2

NA - not available

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CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION						
Commodity	Current week	Previous report	Previous year	5-year average		
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)		
Alfalfa hay	u ,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	<b>u</b> ,	. ,		
Very poor						
Poor				2		
Fair	4	5	10	16		
Good	67	66	34	43		
Excellent	29	29	56	39		
Barley						
Very poor						
Poor			5	2		
Fair	4	5	18	21		
Good	81	84	42	56		
Excellent	15	11	35	21		
Durum wheat						
Very poor						
Poor			2	1		
Fair	1	1	4	9		
Good	38	40	22	44		
Excellent	61	59	72	46		
Pasture and range						
Very poor	7	5	22	29		
Poor	13	8	62	27		
Fair	25	29	14	18		
Good	49	43	2	23		
Excellent	6	15		3		

NA – not available (--) – zero