

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 94 percent of the barley crop was harvested, 3 percentage points ahead the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Seventy-five percent of the Durum wheat crop was harvested, 1 percentage point ahead of the previous year. Forty-nine percent of the cotton crop was squared, 1 percentage point behind the previous year. Six percent of the cotton crop had advanced to setting bolls stage, 2 percentage points behind the previous year. The cotton crop was rated mostly in good to excellent condition. Most of the alfalfa crop was rated in good to excellent condition, with harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the acreage across the State. Fifty-eight percent of the pastures and ranges were rated in poor to fair condition as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. In the northeastern part of the state, they were experiencing critical fire weather and relative humidity was dropping during the day. Soil moisture was adequate in irrigated fields. Dry land production was affected, and rangelands were drying out quickly due to heat. Water holding dirt tanks were evaporating quickly, making ranchers fill tanks from outside sources. According to the United States Drought Monitor published on June 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. Measurable rainfall was noted across portions of northwestern Arizona during the week, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Harvested.....	94	81	91	84
Cotton				
Squaring.....	49	36	55	50
Setting Bolls.....	6	NA	8	9
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	75	66	74	66

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	6.9	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	2	24	14
Short.....	7	13	13	11
Adequate.....	88	84	63	75
Surplus.....	1	1	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	4	24	13
Short.....	6	11	18	11
Adequate.....	88	84	58	72
Surplus.....	1	1	--	4

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.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	1	--	11	16
Good.....	42	42	33	39
Excellent.....	57	58	56	43
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	2
Fair.....	6	--	15	18
Good.....	55	54	56	64
Excellent.....	37	46	29	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	15	9	40	35
Poor.....	30	23	28	21
Fair.....	28	29	22	21
Good.....	18	21	10	23
Excellent.....	9	18	--	--

NA – not available

(--) – zero