

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continued to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Barley conditions were mostly fair and Durum Wheat conditions were mostly good. Rangeland conditions varied widely from very poor to good, depending on location. Central Arizona fruit and vegetable growers shipped Bok Choy, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cilantro, kale greens, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, Chinese cabbage, red and green cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce, parsley, and spinach last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	85	75	100	100
Emerged	60	50	59	90
Durum wheat				
Emerged	90	85	5	27

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Pasture and Range	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Very poor	14	15	43	22
Poor	12	12	15	20
Fair	33	32	24	32
Good.....	36	36	17	23
Excellent.....	5	2	1	3

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	29	28	43	NA
Adequate	69	70	57	NA
Surplus	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	25	24	43	NA
Adequate	73	74	57	NA
Surplus	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay.....	6	1	21	40	32
Barley	1	--	88	6	5
Durum wheat.....	--	--	10	75	15

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Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_03152015.pdf