

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 22, 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, but it is winding down. Barley conditions were mostly fair to good and Durum Wheat conditions were mostly good to excellent. Rangeland conditions varied widely from very poor to good, depending on location. Central Arizona fruit and vegetable growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, 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.....	90	85	100	100
Emerged	80	60	86	97
Cotton				
Planted.....	5	N/A	11	10
Durum wheat				
Emerged	95	90	N/A	N/A
Winter wheat				
Planted.....	85	N/A	86	86
Emerged	11	N/A	--	--

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PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	14	14	43	19
Poor	11	12	17	19
Fair	33	33	23	32
Good.....	37	36	16	26
Excellent.....	5	5	1	4

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.....	2	--	--	NA
Short.....	27	29	44	NA
Adequate	67	69	56	NA
Surplus	4	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	21	25	44	NA
Adequate	75	73	56	NA
Surplus	4	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.....	7	2	14	34	43
Barley	1	5	69	20	5
Durum wheat.....	--	3	10	61	26
Winter wheat.....	10	45	45	--	--

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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 03222015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_03222015.pdf)