

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 17, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on just over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley conditions were mostly fair to good and Durum Wheat conditions were mostly good. Winter Wheat conditions ranged from very poor to excellent throughout the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely from very poor to good, depending on location. Central Arizona growers had potato and onion movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped red and green cabbage, cantaloupes, honeydews, and watermelons last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	99	85	98	93
Mature	10	NA	1	8
Cotton				
Planted.....	99	98	84	90
Emerged	67	50	NA	NA
Durum Wheat				
Headed	100	95	94	95
Mature	10	6	--	9
Winter wheat				
Headed.....	84	75	83	77

NA - Not Available

(--) - Zero

PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	11	11	22	29
Poor	10	10	32	22
Fair	34	35	29	25
Good.....	43	42	16	16
Excellent.....	1	2	1	8

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.....	1	1	3	NA
Short.....	21	21	35	NA
Adequate	71	71	62	NA
Surplus	7	7	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	10	NA
Short.....	19	18	33	NA
Adequate	77	80	57	NA
Surplus	4	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- Zero

CROP AND LIVESTOCK CONDITION

Commodity	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay.....	5	1	9	36	49
Barley	1	3	46	35	15
Durum wheat.....	--	1	10	77	12
Winter wheat.....	10	19	24	23	24

(--)- Zero

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 05172015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_05172015.pdf)