

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location. Central Arizona growers had no produce movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed and miscellaneous melons last week. The Northern part of the State has experienced spotty monsoonal rains leaving many areas dry and others with abundant moisture. Thirty-one out of fifty reporting weather stations recorded no precipitation during the week, seventeen stations reported less than a half an inch of precipitation, and only two stations reported over a half an inch of rainfall. The highest temperatures for the week were 118 degrees in Bullhead City, 112 degrees in Phoenix, and 111 degrees in Mohave and Yuma. The lowest temperatures were 43 and 48 degrees at the Grand Canyon and Flagstaff, respectively. Paloma, Sahuarita, and Yuma stations have the lowest year to date precipitation at 43, 47, and 58 percent of normal, respectively.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls .....	97	93	100	97
Bolls opening .....	45	35	49	45

NA - not available

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### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	8	4	1	NA
Short .....	15	17	35	NA
Adequate .....	72	73	64	NA
Surplus .....	5	6	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	8	4	8	NA
Short .....	13	15	33	NA
Adequate .....	76	78	59	NA
Surplus .....	3	3	--	NA

NA - not available

(--) - zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>				
Very poor.....	4	5	6	1
Poor .....	2	2	5	4
Fair .....	12	10	23	27
Good.....	40	40	39	43
Excellent.....	42	43	27	25
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	3	3	--	--
Poor .....	3	1	--	1
Fair .....	17	16	9	12
Good.....	48	48	47	52
Excellent.....	29	32	44	35
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	7	7	18	31
Poor .....	9	9	20	17
Fair .....	35	33	31	25
Good.....	41	43	27	21
Excellent.....	8	8	4	6

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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\\_08232015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_08232015.pdf)