

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 6, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest had just begun by week's end. Last week's rains only seem to have had a minor impact on lint quality in open cotton bolls. Rangeland conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona growers had no produce movement last week while Western Arizona growers shipped mixed and miscellaneous melons. Monsoon rains served to maintain soil moisture conditions however, water tank levels across the State were still rated low. There were twenty-six weather stations reporting below normal precipitation as of last week. The highest temperatures for the week were 111 degrees in Bullhead City and 108 degrees in Parker, Phoenix, Roll and Yuma. The lowest temperatures were 42, 43 and 45 degrees at Betatakin, Springerville and Flagstaff, respectively. Safford received the most precipitation, at 1.59 inches.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	65	50	59	67
Defoliated.....	20	7	13	14
Harvested	1	NA	3	4

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	1	1	--	NA
Short	12	12	29	NA
Adequate.....	77	77	67	NA
Surplus	10	10	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	5	NA
Short	10	10	32	NA
Adequate.....	82	82	63	NA
Surplus	7	7	--	NA

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	6	6	6	1
Poor	1	1	5	4
Fair	14	14	23	28
Good.....	42	41	41	43
Excellent.....	37	38	25	24
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor	2	2	--	1
Fair	17	15	11	13
Good.....	45	49	47	52
Excellent.....	32	30	42	34
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	9	9	13	26
Poor	6	7	16	16
Fair	32	33	33	26
Good.....	42	41	34	26
Excellent.....	11	10	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_09062015.pdf