

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 13, 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. Cotton harvest is underway in the western part of the State at 5 percent harvested. 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. Rains produced good moisture at higher elevations while lower elevations lacked moisture. Some parts of the Yuma area received about 5 inches of rain from the storm that came in on Tuesday, September 8, 2015. Only nine of the weather stations reported receiving no precipitation this week. Canyon De Chelly has the highest year to date precipitation at 197 percent of normal, while Paloma has the lowest year to date precipitation at 46 percent of normal.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	70	65	69	78
Defoliated.....	20	20	20	23
Harvested .....	5	1	3	7

NA - not available

(--) - zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.9	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	--	NA
Short .....	13	12	25	NA
Adequate.....	77	77	70	NA
Surplus .....	9	10	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	1	4	NA
Short .....	11	10	30	NA
Adequate.....	82	82	66	NA
Surplus .....	6	7	--	NA

NA - not available

(--) - zero

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

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>				
Very poor.....	7	6	6	1
Poor .....	2	1	5	5
Fair .....	10	14	23	26
Good.....	44	42	40	42
Excellent.....	37	37	26	26
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor .....	2	2	--	1
Fair .....	15	17	11	11
Good.....	47	45	44	52
Excellent.....	32	32	45	36
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	9	13	27
Poor .....	7	6	14	16
Fair .....	34	32	32	25
Good.....	39	42	37	26
Excellent.....	11	11	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\\_09132015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_09132015.pdf)