

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 25 percent complete, just ahead of last year at 23 percent and the five-year average at 21 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but rated mostly in the good to fair range. Central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupe and kale greens last week. Normal rainfall was reported throughout the State with only a few pockets experiencing heavy runoff. Forage is drying out as expected for this time of year. Only three of the fifty weather stations reported no precipitation last week. Ten weather stations year to date precipitation are less than 85 percent of normal, with Safford having the lowest year to date precipitation at 57 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 101 degrees at Bullhead City, Mohave and Roll. The lowest temperature was 34 degrees at Window Rock.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	99	90	99	98
Defoliated.....	45	35	44	34
Harvested	25	20	23	21

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	6.8	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	11	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	78	79	62	NA
Surplus	10	9	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	8	NA
Short	10	8	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	86	57	NA
Surplus	7	5	2	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.....	5	5	6	3
Poor	2	2	6	6
Fair	17	18	22	28
Good.....	43	41	39	43
Excellent.....	33	34	27	20
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	--
Poor	2	2	3	3
Fair	15	16	14	19
Good.....	39	39	47	54
Excellent.....	39	38	36	24
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	9	9	12	25
Poor	8	8	15	17
Fair	36	36	30	28
Good.....	39	39	38	25
Excellent.....	8	8	5	5

NA – not available

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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_10112015.pdf