

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 18, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly fair to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on almost two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 30 percent complete, ahead of last year at 27 percent and the five-year average at 25 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupe, honeydews, kale greens, and spinach last week. Rainfall was reported throughout the State, but too late for the season for any beneficial forage growth. Twenty-nine weather stations year to date precipitation are greater than 100 percent of normal, with Canyon De Chelly having the highest year to date precipitation at 176 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 103 degrees at several locations. The lowest temperature was 33 degrees at Window Rock.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	50	45	49	39
Harvested.....	30	25	27	25

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	1	NA
Short	11	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	79	78	64	NA
Surplus.....	9	10	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	8	NA
Short	9	10	33	NA
Adequate.....	83	82	59	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.....	5	5	6	3
Poor	1	2	6	7
Fair	16	17	22	25
Good.....	44	43	39	44
Excellent.....	34	33	27	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	--
Poor	1	2	3	3
Fair	16	15	15	20
Good.....	41	39	44	50
Excellent.....	37	39	38	27
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	9	9	12	25
Poor	8	8	15	17
Fair	37	36	30	27
Good.....	39	39	38	25
Excellent.....	7	8	5	6

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_10182015.pdf