

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 25, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on almost three-fourth of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 35 percent complete, ahead of last year at 34 percent and the five-year average at 31 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. Abundant rains were reported throughout the State, but too late for the season for any beneficial forage growth. Three weather stations recorded no precipitation last week. Paloma received the highest precipitation for the week at 1.54 inches and the lowest was at 0.01 inches in Parker. The highest temperature was 94 degrees at Yuma. The lowest temperature was 29 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	55	50	54	42
Harvested.....	35	30	34	31

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	6.6	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	11	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	72	79	64	NA
Surplus.....	16	9	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	8	NA
Short	8	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	83	59	NA
Surplus.....	9	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	5	6	2
Poor	2	1	6	7
Fair	14	16	22	25
Good.....	43	44	39	45
Excellent.....	35	34	27	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	5	--	--
Poor	5	1	3	4
Fair	18	16	14	20
Good.....	36	41	44	48
Excellent.....	37	37	39	28
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	9	13	26
Poor	8	8	15	16
Fair	37	37	32	26
Good.....	41	39	36	26
Excellent.....	6	7	4	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_10252015.pdf