

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 1, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on approximately three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 40 percent complete, ahead of last year at 39 percent and the five-year average at 38 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 cantaloupes, honeydews, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine) and spinach last week. Substantial rains and hail affected the southern end of the State, but some areas are still dry. Nine weather stations recorded no precipitation last week. Sahuarita received the highest precipitation for the week at 0.83 inch and the lowest was at 0.03 inch in Mesa and Parker. The highest temperature was 95 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest temperature was 25 degrees at Springville and Window Rock.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	60	55	59	47
Harvested	40	35	39	38

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	6.6	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	11	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	73	72	64	NA
Surplus	15	16	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	1	8	NA
Short	9	8	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	82	59	NA
Surplus	9	9	--	NA

NA - not available

(--) - zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	5	6	6	2
Poor	3	2	6	7
Fair	17	14	22	25
Good.....	40	43	39	45
Excellent.....	35	35	27	21
Cotton				
Very poor.....	5	4	--	--
Poor	7	5	3	3
Fair	18	18	14	19
Good.....	39	36	44	47
Excellent.....	31	37	39	31
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	25
Poor	9	8	15	16
Fair	35	37	32	26
Good.....	41	41	36	27
Excellent.....	7	6	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_11012015.pdf