

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 15, 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 65 percent complete, ahead of last year at 59 percent and the five-year average at 55 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine), parsley, and spinach last week. Recent rains delivered limited moisture to Northern part of the State, but the southern region received moisture in the form of rain and hail. Nineteen out of the fifty reporting weather stations recorded no precipitation this week. Canyon De Chelly has the highest year to date precipitation at 179 percent of normal and Sahuarita has the lowest year to date precipitation at 62 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 84 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature was 9 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	75	65	84	57
Harvested.....	65	50	59	55

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.....	78	78	64	NA
Surplus.....	10	10	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	8	NA
Short	8	8	33	NA
Adequate.....	83	83	59	NA
Surplus.....	8	8	--	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	3	6	9
Fair	19	16	23	28
Good.....	43	43	39	40
Excellent.....	32	33	26	20
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	27
Poor	8	8	16	16
Fair	36	35	34	29
Good.....	43	43	34	24
Excellent.....	5	6	3	4

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_11152015.pdf