

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 22, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on approximately two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 70 percent complete, ahead of last year at 66 percent and the five-year average at 62 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 arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Rain and snow this week have improved soil moisture around the State, with a hint of green forage in some location. Eleven out of the fifty reporting weather stations recorded no precipitation this week. Twenty-eight weather stations report more than 100 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 84 degrees at Roll. The lowest temperature was 4 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton | | | | |
| Defoliated..... | 90 | 75 | 89 | 59 |
| Harvested..... | 70 | 65 | 66 | 62 |

NA - not available

(--) - zero

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 | -- | NA |
| Short | 11 | 11 | 35 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 77 | 78 | 65 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 11 | 10 | -- | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 1 | 1 | 8 | NA |
| Short | 9 | 8 | 33 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 82 | 83 | 59 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 8 | 8 | -- | 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..... | 4 | 5 | 6 | 3 |
| Poor | 2 | 1 | 7 | 10 |
| Fair | 19 | 19 | 22 | 27 |
| Good..... | 42 | 43 | 39 | 41 |
| Excellent..... | 33 | 32 | 26 | 19 |
| Pasture and Range | | | | |
| Very poor..... | 8 | 8 | 13 | 28 |
| Poor | 8 | 8 | 17 | 16 |
| Fair | 34 | 36 | 35 | 30 |
| Good..... | 43 | 43 | 32 | 23 |
| Excellent..... | 7 | 5 | 3 | 3 |

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(--) – zero

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_11222015.pdf