

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 6, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 85 percent complete, ahead of last year at 79 percent and the five-year average at 75 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, kale greens, lemons, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Forage conditions are limited throughout the State, as soil moisture is declining. All fifty reporting weather stations recorded no precipitation this week. Twenty-six weather stations reported year to date precipitation greater than 100 percent of normal. The highest temperature during the week was 85 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the week was 5 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	97	95	99	69
Harvested.....	85	75	79	75

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	6.9	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	12	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	77	78	64	NA
Surplus.....	10	10	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	1	8	NA
Short	9	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	83	83	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	4	5	4
Poor	--	2	7	8
Fair	18	18	23	25
Good.....	46	43	40	40
Excellent.....	31	33	25	23
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	24
Poor	8	8	17	18
Fair	35	34	36	31
Good.....	42	43	32	24
Excellent.....	7	7	2	3

NA – not available

(--) – 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_12062015.pdf