

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 20, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 97 percent complete, ahead of last year and the five-year average at 89 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cilantro, kale greens, lemons, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, Iceberg, red leaf, processed, and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. This week's storm brought much needed moisture throughout the State. All but nine of the fifty weather stations reported precipitation last week with the most recorded in Heber with .66 inches. Twenty-four weather stations reported year to date precipitation greater than 100 percent of normal. The highest temperature during the week was 76 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the week was minus 15 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Harvested	97	90	89	89
Barley				
Planted.....	23	NA	NA	NA
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	9	NA	NA	NA

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	6.9	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	12	12	35	NA
Adequate.....	77	77	64	NA
Surplus.....	10	10	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	1	8	NA
Short	9	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	83	59	NA
Surplus.....	7	7	--	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	5	6	5
Poor	1	1	5	11
Fair	17	17	24	34
Good.....	48	46	37	33
Excellent.....	29	31	28	17
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	14	27
Poor	8	8	15	16
Fair	36	36	35	30
Good.....	42	42	33	23
Excellent.....	6	6	3	4

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_12202015.pdf