

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 27, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions remained rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest was virtually complete, ahead of last year and the five-year average at 94 and 93 percent respectively. 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, frisee, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, Iceberg, green leaf, red leaf, processed, other and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Last week brought some moisture to the state with 27 of the 50 weather stations reporting some precipitation. Roosevelt reporting the most precipitation at 1.32 inches. Twenty-three weather stations reported year to date precipitation greater than 100 percent of normal. Twenty-eight of the weather stations had below normal temperatures reported. The highest temperature during the week was 76 degrees at Southern Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was minus 12 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	99	97	94	93
Barley				
Planted.....	25	23	NA	NA
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	10	9	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	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	3	NA
Short	12	12	38	NA
Adequate.....	77	77	59	NA
Surplus	10	10	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	2	8	NA
Short	10	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	82	82	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.....	4	5	6	5
Poor	1	1	5	13
Fair	17	17	24	33
Good.....	48	48	37	32
Excellent.....	30	29	28	17
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	8	8	14	27
Poor	8	8	15	16
Fair	36	36	36	29
Good.....	42	42	32	23
Excellent.....	6	6	3	5

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_12272015.pdf