

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated 78 percent good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cilantro, kale greens, 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, green leaf, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. High temperatures continue to deplete the soil moisture rapidly throughout the State. The weather station at Window Rock reported 0.01 inches of precipitation, while the other 49 weather stations reported no precipitation during the week. The highest temperature during the week was 90 degrees reported at Buckeye. The lowest temperature during the week was 9 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged	40	15	44	15
Durum Wheat				
Emerged	45	20	79	18
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	40	--	NA	NA
Emerged	15	--	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	2	1	--	NA
Short	24	15	29	NA
Adequate.....	64	65	69	NA
Surplus.....	10	19	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	7	--	NA
Short	8	9	32	NA
Adequate.....	71	78	65	NA
Surplus.....	7	6	3	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	4	5	2
Poor	2	2	8	10
Fair	15	15	21	24
Good.....	43	46	37	39
Excellent.....	35	33	29	25
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	10	10	15	19
Poor	9	8	12	21
Fair	35	36	36	35
Good.....	40	40	36	24
Excellent.....	6	6	1	1

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/2016/AZ_Weather_02282016.pdf