

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 6, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on slightly over 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), oranges, parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Above normal temperatures for the week continue to deplete the soil moisture throughout the State. Only two of the 50 weather stations reported precipitation at .01 inches at Flagstaff and Pipe Springs. The highest temperature during the week was 93 degrees reported at Buckeye and South Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was 21 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged	65	40	49	30
Durum Wheat				
Emerged	70	45	84	20
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	60	40	NA	NA
Emerged	45	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	2	--	NA
Short	26	24	28	NA
Adequate	65	64	70	NA
Surplus	7	10	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	--	NA
Short	10	8	24	NA
Adequate	71	71	74	NA
Surplus	5	7	2	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	1
Poor	1	2	8	12
Fair	15	15	21	25
Good.....	44	43	37	39
Excellent.....	35	35	28	23
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	10	10	15	19
Poor	9	9	12	19
Fair	35	35	32	35
Good.....	41	40	36	25
Excellent.....	5	6	5	2

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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_03062016.pdf