

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 13, 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 fair to good. 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. Warm and windy weather this past week continue to deplete the soil moisture throughout the State. Twenty-four of the 50 weather stations reported precipitation with the lowest at .01 inches at Bowie and San Carlos and highest at .32 inches at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature during the week was 91 degrees reported at Paloma. The lowest temperature during the week was 14 degrees at the Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged	75	65	57	79
Durum Wheat				
Emerged	80	70	89	26
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	65	60	NA	NA
Emerged	50	45	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	2	--	NA
Short	26	26	29	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	69	NA
Surplus.....	8	7	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	--	NA
Short	10	10	25	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	73	NA
Surplus.....	5	5	2	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor	4	5	6	2
Poor	3	1	1	9
Fair	13	15	21	24
Good.....	42	44	40	41
Excellent.....	38	35	32	24
Barely				
Very poor	1	N/A	1	N/A
Poor	--	N/A	--	N/A
Fair	10	N/A	88	N/A
Good.....	48	N/A	6	N/A
Excellent.....	41	N/A	5	N/A
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	1	N/A	--	N/A
Poor	1	N/A	--	N/A
Fair	8	N/A	10	N/A
Good.....	34	N/A	75	N/A
Excellent.....	56	N/A	15	N/A
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	10	10	14	19
Poor	10	9	12	20
Fair	38	35	33	33
Good.....	37	41	36	25
Excellent.....	5	5	5	3

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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_03132016.pdf