

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 17, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton planted is at 45 percent, below last year but above the 5-year average at 54 and 42 percent, respectively. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. Central Arizona growers had no movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, kale greens, and varieties of lettuce (Boston, Iceberg, green leaf, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, spinach, and Swiss chard last week. Recent rains have sustained favorable soil moisture throughout the State, enough to sustain new forage growth. Fifteen weather stations reported no precipitation last week. Payson and San Simon recorded the least precipitation at 0.01 inches while Bonita was the most at 0.73 inches. Bonita and Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is at 124 and 113 percent of normal, respectively, followed by Paloma and Bullhead City at 95 and 94, respectively. The driest, at 26 percent of normal, is Teec Nos Pos. The highest temperature during the week was 92 degrees reported at Robson Ranch. The lowest temperature during the week was 22 degrees at Fort Grant and Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	30	20	19	72
Cotton				
Planted.....	45	35	54	42
Durum Wheat				
Headed	25	15	29	45
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	85	75	49	66

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	2	NA
Short	27	27	20	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	71	NA
Surplus	7	7	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	--	NA
Short	10	11	17	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	81	NA
Surplus	5	4	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	3	3	5	2
Poor	1	1	1	2
Fair	11	20	12	21
Good.....	45	40	39	47
Excellent.....	40	36	43	28
Barley				
Very poor	2	2	--	NA
Poor	--	--	3	NA
Fair	12	15	54	NA
Good.....	47	46	36	NA
Excellent.....	39	37	7	NA
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	7	8	7	NA
Good.....	33	31	77	NA
Excellent.....	59	60	15	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	12	11	11	23
Poor	12	12	10	21
Fair	39	38	35	30
Good.....	33	35	40	23
Excellent.....	4	4	4	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	10	10	10	NA
Poor	--	--	20	NA
Fair	13	15	26	NA
Good.....	39	36	24	NA
Excellent.....	38	39	20	NA

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_04172016.pdf