

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 8, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Harvesting continued on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton planted is at 85 percent, below last year but above the 5-year average at 91 and 82 percent, respectively. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. Central Arizona growers shipped potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers shipped celery, cilantro, and seedless watermelons last week. High winds and warm temperatures across the State are drying out the green forage. Nineteen weather stations reported no precipitation last week. Maricopa, Mesa, and Springerville recorded the least at 0.01 inches while Seligman reported the most at 0.69 inches. Bullhead City, Bonita, and Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is at 122, 116, and 111 percent of normal, respectively. The driest, at 28 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. Ten weather stations reported temperatures at 100 degrees or above. The highest temperature during the week was 103 degrees reported at Mesa and Robson Ranch. The lowest temperature during the week was 27 degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	80	65	78	88
Cotton				
Planted.....	85	75	91	82
Emerged	35	24	43	NA
Durum wheat				
Headed	85	60	89	90
Mature	5	NA	5	2
Winter wheat				
Headed	50	NA	54	69

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	3	3	1	NA
Short	26	26	21	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	71	NA
Surplus	6	6	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	15	--	NA
Short	10	10	18	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	80	NA
Surplus	4	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	4	4	5	2
Poor	--	--	1	3
Fair	12	12	13	17
Good.....	43	42	33	42
Excellent.....	41	42	48	36
Barley				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor	--	--	3	NA
Fair	11	11	44	NA
Good.....	43	43	36	NA
Excellent.....	44	44	16	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	6	6	8	NA
Good.....	32	32	73	NA
Excellent.....	61	61	18	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	16	11	28
Poor	13	13	10	21
Fair	35	37	35	29
Good.....	31	30	42	20
Excellent.....	5	4	2	2
Winter wheat				
Very poor	10	11	10	NA
Poor	--	--	19	NA
Fair	13	13	26	NA
Good.....	38	39	22	NA
Excellent.....	39	37	23	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_05082016.pdf