

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 24, 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 squaring is at 95 percent, below last year at 97 percent but above the 5-year average at 93 percent. Cotton setting bolls is at 65 percent, ahead of last year at 62 percent and the 5-year average at 63 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Central Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week. Western Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons last week. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. In the northwest part of the State, a monsoon storm produced some beneficial rain albeit localized. There are still areas where rainfall has been minimal to nonexistent since early Spring, resulting in droughty conditions. In the southeast part of the State, the amount and areas of rainfall for the last several weeks have been very spotty. Some areas have greened up, while others show no new forage growth at all. Buckeye recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Douglas reported the most at 2.78 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is at 137 percent of normal. The driest, at 31 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 119 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 49 degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested	95	90	99	90
Cotton				
Squaring	95	90	97	93
Setting Bolls	65	50	62	63
Durum wheat				
Harvested	98	90	99	96
Winter wheat				
Mature	90	85	96	NA
Harvested	89	70	86	45

NA – not available

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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	4	NA
Short	29	29	17	NA
Adequate	65	65	73	NA
Surplus	4	4	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	15	3	NA
Short	14	13	14	NA
Adequate	69	70	80	NA
Surplus	2	2	3	NA

NA – not available

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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	1	2	3
Fair	11	11	9	19
Good.....	51	51	38	45
Excellent	33	33	46	31
Cotton				
Very poor	4	4	3	1
Poor.....	1	1	--	--
Fair	4	4	15	14
Good.....	54	54	51	53
Excellent	37	37	31	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	16	7	33
Poor.....	19	19	9	23
Fair	40	40	41	26
Good.....	22	22	40	16
Excellent	3	3	3	2

NA – not available

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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_07242016.pdf