

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 31, 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 98 percent, below last year at 100 percent but above the 5-year average at 97 percent. Cotton setting bolls is at 75 percent, ahead of last year at 73 percent and the 5-year average at 72 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 6 percent, below last year at 11 percent and the 5 year average at 14 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Central Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. In the northwest part of the State, monsoon rains have been beneficial in the higher terrain close to Coconino County, but in other areas like Chino Valley and west of Peebles Valley land is drastically dry. In the southeast part of the State, the amount and areas of rainfall for the last several weeks have been very spotty. In Graham County, some ranchers are hauling water and more feed than usual. In the area of Pima County, rains began and continued steadily all week, and in Pinal County, scattered thunderstorms with heavy winds affected the area. Willcox recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.02 inches while Payson reported the most at 2.78 inches. Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 138 percent of normal. The driest, at 38 percent of normal, is Roll. The highest temperature during the week was 120 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 50 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Squaring	98	95	100	97
Setting Bolls	75	65	73	72
Bolls Opening	6	NA	11	14
Winter wheat				
Mature	95	90	100	NA
Harvested	92	89	94	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	4	NA
Short	28	29	17	NA
Adequate	64	65	74	NA
Surplus	6	4	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	15	4	NA
Short	12	14	15	NA
Adequate	71	69	78	NA
Surplus	2	2	3	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	1	2	3
Fair	11	11	9	17
Good.....	51	51	38	44
Excellent	33	33	46	34
Cotton				
Very poor	4	4	2	1
Poor.....	--	1	--	--
Fair	5	4	17	13
Good.....	51	54	48	52
Excellent	40	37	33	34
Pasture and range				
Very poor	16	16	7	33
Poor.....	20	19	10	22
Fair	37	40	39	26
Good.....	24	22	41	17
Excellent	3	3	3	2

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_07312016.pdf