

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 7, 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 99 percent, below last year at 100 percent and the 5-year average at 100 percent. Cotton setting bolls is at 88 percent, ahead of last year at 82 percent and the 5-year average at 85 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 23 percent, ahead last year at 22 percent but below the 5 year average at 24 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Central Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons last week. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. The Northwest part of the state has received rains which spurred new forage growth. Showers have been spotty in the Southwest part of the State. Coolidge recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.03 inches while Prescott reported the most at 3.14 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 153 percent of normal. The driest, at 35 percent of normal, is Roll. The highest temperature during the week was 113 degrees reported at Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was 48 degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Squaring	99	98	100	100
Setting Bolls	88	75	82	85
Bolls Opening	23	6	22	24
Winter wheat				
Harvested	95	92	96	NA

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	28	28	17	NA
Adequate	64	64	73	NA
Surplus	6	6	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	15	4	NA
Short	13	12	15	NA
Adequate	70	71	78	NA
Surplus	3	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	5	4	5	2
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair	10	11	9	19
Good.....	52	51	38	43
Excellent	32	33	46	33
Cotton				
Very poor	3	4	3	1
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair	6	5	17	13
Good.....	50	51	45	50
Excellent	40	40	35	35
Pasture and range				
Very poor	15	16	7	29
Poor.....	18	20	9	20
Fair	38	37	34	26
Good.....	25	24	45	22
Excellent	4	3	5	23

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_08072016.pdf