

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 14, 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 setting bolls is at 91 percent, same as last year and below the 5-year average at 93 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 33 percent, ahead of last year at 32 percent, but below the 5 year average at 34 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. In the Northwest part of the State, conditions have generally improved due to recent rainfall events. In the Southwest part of the State, the rains have helped produce forage in many areas. In some areas, cotton defoliation and harvesting have started on a limited basis. St. Johns recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Bowie reported the most at 2.29 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 144 percent of normal. The driest, at 42 percent of normal, is Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 115 degrees reported at Mohave. The lowest temperature during the week was 43 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls	91	88	91	93
Bolls Opening	33	23	32	34

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	66	64	73	NA
Surplus	4	6	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	14	4	NA
Short	12	13	15	NA
Adequate	71	70	78	NA
Surplus	2	3	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	5	5	2
Poor.....	2	1	2	3
Fair	12	10	10	19
Good.....	51	52	40	42
Excellent	31	32	43	34
Cotton				
Very poor	4	3	3	1
Poor.....	--	1	1	1
Fair	5	6	16	12
Good.....	51	50	48	48
Excellent	40	40	32	38
Pasture and range				
Very poor	14	15	7	30
Poor.....	16	18	9	17
Fair	37	38	33	26
Good.....	28	25	43	23
Excellent	5	4	8	4

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_08142016.pdf