

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 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 95 percent, below last year at 96 percent and the 5-year average at 97 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 45 percent, ahead of last year at 42 percent and the 5 year average at 44 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 beneficial monsoon rains have proven fairly widespread and as a result have generated some new forage growth, in the Northwest part of the State. In the Southwest part of the State, some beneficial spotty rains have been reported. Canyon De Chelly, Desert Ridge, Kartchner, and Tucson recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Springerville reported the most at 1.02 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 132 percent of normal. The driest, at 46 percent of normal, are Coolidge and Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 117 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 36 degrees at Springerville.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity           | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                     | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Cotton              |              |               |               |                |
| Setting Bolls ..... | 95           | 91            | 96            | 97             |
| Bolls Opening ..... | 45           | 33            | 42            | 44             |

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             | 8             | NA             |
| Short .....                       | 28           | 28            | 15            | NA             |
| Adequate .....                    | 66           | 66            | 72            | NA             |
| Surplus .....                     | 4            | 4             | 5             | NA             |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short .....                  | 15           | 15            | 8             | NA             |
| Short .....                       | 13           | 12            | 13            | NA             |
| Adequate .....                    | 70           | 71            | 76            | 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             | 4             | 2              |
| Poor .....        | 1            | 2             | 2             | 4              |
| Fair .....        | 11           | 12            | 12            | 20             |
| Good.....         | 52           | 51            | 40            | 44             |
| Excellent .....   | 32           | 31            | 42            | 30             |
| Cotton            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | 4            | 4             | 3             | 1              |
| Poor.....         | --           | --            | 3             | 1              |
| Fair .....        | 5            | 5             | 17            | 15             |
| Good.....         | 51           | 51            | 48            | 48             |
| Excellent .....   | 40           | 40            | 29            | 35             |
| Pasture and range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor .....   | 11           | 14            | 7             | 26             |
| Poor.....         | 17           | 16            | 9             | 17             |
| Fair .....        | 36           | 37            | 35            | 29             |
| Good.....         | 30           | 28            | 41            | 24             |
| Excellent .....   | 6            | 5             | 8             | 4              |

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\\_08212016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_08212016.pdf)