

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 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 98 percent, the same as last year, but below the 5-year average at 99 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 50 percent, ahead of last year at 49 percent, but below the 5 year average at 54 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. Bonita and San Simon recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Prescott reported the most at 3.10 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 129 percent of normal. The driest, at 44 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 114 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 43 degrees at Grand Canyon and Springerville.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls .....	98	95	98	99
Bolls Opening .....	50	45	49	54
Defoliated .....	4	N/A	6	8
Harvested .....	1	N/A	--	1

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 .....	1	2	1	NA
Short .....	30	28	12	NA
Adequate .....	65	66	77	NA
Surplus .....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	14	15	1	NA
Short .....	13	13	10	NA
Adequate .....	71	70	82	NA
Surplus .....	2	2	7	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 .....	3	4	6	2
Poor .....	1	1	1	3
Fair .....	12	11	14	20
Good.....	47	52	41	45
Excellent .....	37	32	38	30
Cotton				
Very poor .....	4	4	4	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	1
Fair .....	4	5	15	14
Good.....	52	51	49	51
Excellent .....	40	40	30	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	11	11	9	24
Poor.....	15	17	7	16
Fair .....	35	36	33	29
Good.....	31	30	41	26
Excellent .....	8	6	10	5

NA – not available

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[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_08282016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_08282016.pdf)