

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 4, 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 99 percent, below the last year and 5-year average at 100 percent. Cotton bolls opening is at 63 percent, ahead of last year at 61 percent, but below the 5 year average at 65 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 good to fair. Forage conditions have improved thanks to frequent and general rains in the Northwest part of the State. In the Southwest part of the State, by Graham and Greenlee counties, the dry weather and conditions continue. Maricopa recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Paradise reported the most at 2.50 inches. Canyon De Chelly year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 127 percent of normal. The driest, at 42 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 114 degrees reported at Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was 39 degrees at Flagstaff and Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	99	98	100	100
Bolls Opening.....	63	50	61	65
Defoliated.....	15	4	16	13
Harvested.....	5	1	1	2

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	1	1	NA
Short.....	28	30	12	NA
Adequate.....	66	65	77	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	1	NA
Short.....	13	13	10	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	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	4	3	6	3
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair	12	12	14	23
Good.....	47	47	42	45
Excellent	36	37	37	25
Cotton				
Very poor	4	4	4	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	1
Fair	4	4	17	16
Good.....	52	52	45	49
Excellent	40	40	32	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor	11	11	9	23
Poor.....	14	15	6	15
Fair	32	35	32	28
Good.....	35	31	42	28
Excellent	8	8	11	6

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_09042016.pdf