

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 11, 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 bolls opening is at 70 percent, ahead of last year at 69 percent but below the 5 year average at 76 percent. Cotton defoliated is at 20 percent, the same as the previous year but below the 5 year average at 21 percent. Cotton harvested is at 10 percent, ahead of previous year at 4 percent and 5 years average at 5 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. In the Northwest part of the State, beneficial amounts of tank water for livestock and wildlife have been collected since the State received some monsoon moisture. However, some other areas of Coconino County are dry. In the Southwest part of the State, a tropical storm brought enough rain to the area helping forage growth. Flagstaff recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.03 inches while Bonita reported the most at 2.13 inches. San Simon year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 125 percent of normal. The driest, at 41 percent of normal, is Yuma South. The highest temperature during the week was 110 degrees reported at Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was 36 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening.....	70	63	69	76
Defoliated.....	20	15	20	21
Harvested.....	10	5	4	5

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	6.9	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	2	1	NA
Short.....	27	28	13	NA
Adequate.....	67	66	77	NA
Surplus.....	5	4	9	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	14	1	NA
Short.....	12	13	11	NA
Adequate.....	73	71	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	6	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	4	7	3
Poor.....	1	1	2	3
Fair	12	12	10	17
Good.....	47	47	44	44
Excellent	36	36	37	33
Cotton				
Very poor	4	4	4	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	1
Fair	3	4	15	12
Good.....	53	52	47	46
Excellent	40	40	32	40
Pasture and range				
Very poor	11	11	9	24
Poor.....	13	14	7	14
Fair	32	32	34	28
Good.....	34	35	39	28
Excellent	10	8	11	6

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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_09112016.pdf