

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 18, 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 82 percent, ahead of last year at 74 percent but the same as the 5 year average. Cotton defoliated is at 25 percent, ahead the previous year at 24 percent but below the 5 year average at 26 percent. Cotton harvested is at 13 percent, ahead of previous year and 5 year average at 9 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, air temperatures have started to drop below 32 degrees which has curtailed re-growth on grass plants. A report from Yavapai County indicates normal free-running and tank water is still a rarity and much needed in many places. In the Southwest part of the State, recent rainfall has led to some green up, although some cotton farmers are having issues with root rot. Mesa and Window Rock recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.02 inches while Bisbee reported the most at 0.92 inches. Kartchner and Willcox year to date precipitations are the highest in the State at 121 percent of normal. The driest, at 38 percent of normal, is Yuma South. The highest temperature during the week was 109 degrees reported at Bullhead City and Yuma North Gila. The lowest temperature during the week was 29 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.....	82	70	74	82
Defoliated.....	25	20	24	26
Harvested .....	13	10	9	9

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 .....	1	1	--	NA
Short .....	27	27	13	NA
Adequate.....	68	67	79	NA
Surplus.....	4	5	8	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	14	13	--	NA
Short .....	12	12	12	NA
Adequate.....	72	73	83	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	5	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	7	4
Poor.....	1	1	1	4
Fair .....	12	12	15	23
Good.....	46	47	42	43
Excellent .....	37	36	35	26
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	4	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair .....	3	3	16	15
Good.....	53	53	42	51
Excellent .....	40	40	36	30
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	10	11	9	22
Poor.....	14	13	8	15
Fair .....	31	32	34	28
Good.....	35	34	39	29
Excellent .....	10	10	10	6

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[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_09182016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_09182016.pdf)