

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 25, 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 90 percent, ahead of previous year at 79 percent and 5 year average at 87 percent. Cotton defoliated is at 28 percent, below the previous year at 29 percent but the same as the 5 year average. Cotton harvested is at 15 percent, ahead of previous year at 14 percent and 5 year average at 12 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. Well timed rains have improved conditions in the Northwest part of the State, but night time cold temperatures have affected negatively the forage conditions in some areas of the Southwest part of the State. Mohave, Paradise, and Tucson recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Pipe Springs reported the most at 2.72 inches. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 129 percent of normal. The driest, at 42 percent of normal, is Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 107 degrees reported at Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was 26 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week (percent) | Previous week (percent) | Previous year (percent) | 5-year average (percent) |
|--------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton | | | | |
| Bolls Opening..... | 90 | 82 | 79 | 87 |
| Defoliated..... | 28 | 25 | 29 | 28 |
| Harvested..... | 15 | 13 | 14 | 12 |

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 | 1 | NA |
| Short..... | 28 | 27 | 13 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 67 | 68 | 77 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 4 | 4 | 9 | NA |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | 13 | 14 | -- | NA |
| Short..... | 12 | 12 | 11 | NA |
| Adequate..... | 73 | 72 | 83 | NA |
| Surplus..... | 2 | 2 | 6 | 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 | 5 | 3 |
| Poor | -- | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Fair | 18 | 12 | 17 | 24 |
| Good..... | 45 | 46 | 41 | 44 |
| Excellent | 33 | 37 | 35 | 25 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor | 4 | 4 | 5 | 1 |
| Poor..... | -- | -- | 2 | 3 |
| Fair | 12 | 3 | 16 | 18 |
| Good..... | 52 | 53 | 39 | 49 |
| Excellent | 32 | 40 | 38 | 29 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 10 | 10 | 9 | 21 |
| Poor..... | 12 | 14 | 8 | 16 |
| Fair | 32 | 31 | 34 | 27 |
| Good..... | 36 | 35 | 39 | 30 |
| Excellent | 10 | 10 | 10 | 6 |

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_09252016.pdf