

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 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 93 percent, ahead of previous year at 87 percent and the same as 5 year average. Cotton defoliated is at 34 percent, the same as previous year but ahead the 5 year average at 30 percent. Cotton harvested is at 20 percent, ahead of previous year at 19 percent and 5 year average at 16 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, and western Arizona growers shipped spinach and romaine lettuce. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Forage is generally adequate but cycling out under fall conditions and transpiration demand has been reduced with lower temperatures in the Northwest part of the State. Forage conditions continue to show signs of going dormant following the growing season in the Southwest part of the State. Mohave and Phoenix recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.02 inches while Paradise reported the most at 1.20 inches. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 127 percent of normal. The driest, at 41 percent of normal, is Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 103 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 28 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening.....	93	90	87	93
Defoliated.....	34	28	34	30
Harvested	20	15	19	16

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.....	6.9	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	27	28	11	NA
Adequate.....	68	67	79	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	9	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	13	1	NA
Short	12	12	8	NA
Adequate.....	72	73	86	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	5	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	5	3
Poor	--	--	2	4
Fair	23	18	18	25
Good.....	44	45	41	43
Excellent	29	33	34	25
Cotton				
Very poor	4	4	5	1
Poor.....	--	--	2	3
Fair.....	15	12	16	19
Good.....	52	52	39	51
Excellent	29	32	38	26
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	9	23
Poor.....	12	12	8	16
Fair.....	32	32	36	27
Good.....	36	36	39	29
Excellent	10	10	8	5

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_10022016.pdf