

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 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 95 percent, below the previous year of 96 percent and 5 year average of 98. Cotton defoliated is at 40 percent, below the previous year of 42 but ahead of the 5 year average of 34 percent. Cotton harvested is at 24 percent, the same as last year and ahead of the 5 year average of 21 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. In western Arizona, growers shipped kale greens, romaine lettuce, misc herbs, and spinach. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Soil moisture was rated mostly adequate and forage supplies mostly good in the Northwestern part of the State. In the Southeastern part of the State, Safford County crop conditions were affected by a severe thunderstorm which produced some hail damage. Grand Canyon and San Simon recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while San Carlos reported the most at 1.40 inches. Safford year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 138 percent of normal. The driest, at 40 percent of normal, is Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 102 degrees reported at Buckeye. The lowest temperature during the week was 25 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.....	95	93	96	98
Defoliated.....	40	34	42	34
Harvested	24	20	24	21

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	6.9	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	28	27	11	NA
Adequate.....	67	68	78	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	1	NA
Short	12	12	10	NA
Adequate.....	72	72	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	7	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	4
Poor	--	--	2	4
Fair	23	23	17	23
Good.....	43	44	43	44
Excellent	30	29	33	25
Cotton				
Very poor	6	4	5	1
Poor.....	2	--	2	2
Fair.....	14	15	15	19
Good.....	51	52	39	53
Excellent	27	29	39	25
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	9	21
Poor.....	12	12	8	16
Fair.....	32	32	36	29
Good.....	36	36	39	29
Excellent	10	10	8	5

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_10092016.pdf