

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 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 two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton defoliated is at 45 percent, below the previous year of 49 but ahead of the 5 year average of 40 percent. Cotton harvested is at 28 percent, below the previous year of 29 and ahead of the 5 year average of 25 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 cantaloupes, kale greens, lemons, romaine lettuce, arugula, spinach, and Swiss chard. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Dry weather affected soil moisture in the Northwestern part of the State. Window Rock recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.09 inches while Flagstaff reported the most at 0.26 inches. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 122 percent of normal. The driest, at 39 percent of normal, is Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 101 degrees reported at Buckeye. The lowest temperature during the week was 29 degrees at Grand Canyon.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	45	40	49	40
Harvested.....	28	24	29	25

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	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.....	13	14	1	NA
Short.....	12	12	9	NA
Adequate.....	73	72	83	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)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	5	4
Poor.....	1	--	1	4
Fair .....	23	23	16	22
Good.....	43	43	44	44
Excellent .....	29	30	34	26
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor .....	6	6	5	1
Poor.....	2	2	1	3
Fair .....	14	14	16	19
Good.....	51	51	41	49
Excellent .....	27	27	37	28
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	10	10	9	24
Poor.....	12	12	8	16
Fair .....	31	32	37	27
Good.....	37	36	39	28
Excellent .....	10	10	7	5

NA – not available

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[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_10162016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_10162016.pdf)