

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 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 50 percent, below the previous year of 54 but ahead of the 5 year average of 44 percent. Cotton harvested is at 33 percent, below the previous year of 34 and ahead of the 5 year average of 32 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, honeydews, kale greens, lemons, Boston lettuce, 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. No precipitation was reported statewide during the week. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation is the highest in the State at 119 percent of normal. The driest, at 39 percent of normal, are Parker and Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 101 degrees reported at Buckeye. The lowest temperature during the week was 19 degrees at Teec Nos Pos.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	50	45	54	44
Harvested.....	33	28	34	32

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	6.6	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	1	1	NA
Short.....	27	27	11	NA
Adequate.....	67	68	72	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	16	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	13	1	NA
Short.....	12	12	8	NA
Adequate.....	72	73	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	9	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	6	4
Poor	1	1	2	4
Fair	22	23	14	22
Good.....	43	43	43	44
Excellent	30	29	35	26
Cotton				
Very poor	6	6	4	1
Poor.....	2	2	5	4
Fair	14	14	18	20
Good.....	50	51	36	48
Excellent	28	27	37	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	8	24
Poor.....	12	12	8	15
Fair	33	31	37	29
Good.....	36	37	41	28
Excellent	9	10	6	4

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_10232016.pdf