

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 6, 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 two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton defoliated was at 65 percent complete by week's end, just ahead of the previous year at 64 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 56 percent. Cotton harvest was 48 percent complete, ahead of both last year at 47 percent and the 5 year average at 44 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, lemons, and parsley. In western Arizona, growers shipped cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, green leaf lettuce, processed lettuce, romaine lettuce, red leaf lettuce, melons, and spinach. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Continued warmer than normal temperatures were exacerbating the already dry conditions experienced in much of the State. Some heavy hail was reported in the South part of the State. Betatakin and Page recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Springerville reported the most at 1.70 inches. San Simon year to date precipitation at 10.33 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 117 percent. The driest, at 41 percent of normal, was experienced at Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 94 degrees reported at Ajo. The lowest temperature during the week was 24 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	65	60	64	56
Harvested.....	48	45	47	44

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.....	2	2	1	NA
Short.....	27	28	11	NA
Adequate.....	67	66	78	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	1	NA
Short.....	12	12	8	NA
Adequate.....	72	72	83	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	8	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	1	1	3	6
Fair	23	22	16	23
Good.....	42	43	43	43
Excellent	30	30	33	24
Cotton				
Very poor	6	6	5	NA
Poor.....	2	2	7	NA
Fair	14	14	25	NA
Good.....	50	50	35	NA
Excellent	28	28	28	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	8	26
Poor.....	13	12	8	16
Fair	32	33	35	28
Good.....	37	36	43	27
Excellent	8	9	6	3

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_11062016.pdf