

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 27, 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 89 percent complete by week's end, below the previous year at 94 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 70 percent. Cotton harvest was 72 percent complete, below the previous year at 74 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 69 percent. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, honeydews, kale greens, Swiss chard, green onions, radish, and parsley. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, green leaf lettuce, processed lettuce, romaine lettuce, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, radicchio, and spinach. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Anvil Ranch, Kartchner, Tucson, Willcox and Yuma recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Flagstaff reported the most at 1.43 inches. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation at 12.14 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 115 percent. The driest, at 39 percent of normal, was experienced at Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 84 degrees reported at Tucson. The lowest temperature during the week was 14 degrees at Canyon De Chelly and Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	89	82	94	70
Harvested.....	72	65	74	69

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.....	28	29	11	NA
Adequate.....	66	65	78	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	1	NA
Short.....	12	13	9	NA
Adequate.....	72	71	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)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	4	4
Poor.....	1	1	2	8
Fair.....	22	23	18	26
Good.....	43	42	43	42
Excellent.....	30	30	33	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	8	21
Poor.....	14	14	8	15
Fair.....	34	33	34	31
Good.....	37	38	43	30
Excellent.....	5	5	7	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_11272016.pdf