



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 4, 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 95 percent complete by week's end, below the previous year at 96 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 76 percent. Cotton harvest was 81 percent complete, below the previous year at 82 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 76 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. Recent storms have dropped enough moisture to maintain soil moisture levels and possibly increase soil moisture in some areas of the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Sahuarita and Yuma Valley recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Paradise reported the most at 0.66 inches. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation at 12.17 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 114 percent. The driest, at 39 percent of normal, was experienced at Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 74 degrees reported at Yuma North Gila. The lowest temperature during the week was -5 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	95	89	96	76
Harvested	81	72	82	76

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	2	1	NA
Short	29	28	12	NA
Adequate.....	66	66	77	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	14	1	NA
Short	13	12	9	NA
Adequate.....	72	72	83	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	7	NA

NA – not available

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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	5
Poor	1	1	--	6
Fair	23	22	18	24
Good	43	43	46	42
Excellent.....	29	30	31	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	10	8	23
Poor	14	14	8	17
Fair	34	34	35	31
Good	38	37	42	26
Excellent.....	5	5	7	3

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_12042016.pdf