

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 11, 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 three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest was 88 percent complete, below the previous year at 89 percent and ahead of the 5 year average at 82 percent. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, kale greens, kohlrabi, Swiss chard, green onions, and parsley. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, green leaf lettuce, processed lettuce, romaine lettuce, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, oranges, parsley, radicchio, and spinach. Windy weather is causing a reduction in soil moisture in the North Western part of the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. No precipitation was reported in the State during the last week. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation at 12.17 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 112 percent. The driest, at 38 percent of normal, was experienced at Coolidge. The highest temperature during the week was 78 degrees reported at Paloma, Roll, and Yuma North Gila. The lowest temperature during the week was 12 degrees at Canyon De Chelly.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Harvested	88	81	89	82

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	2	1	1	NA
Short	30	29	12	NA
Adequate	65	66	77	NA
Surplus	3	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	13	1	NA
Short	14	13	9	NA
Adequate	70	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	1	6
Fair	23	23	17	25
Good	43	43	46	41
Excellent.....	29	29	31	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	9	8	24
Poor	14	14	8	16
Fair	35	34	36	32
Good	37	38	42	25
Excellent.....	4	5	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_12112016.pdf