

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 25, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton harvest was nearing completion by weeks end, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest was 97 percent complete, one percentage point behind the previous year but four points ahead of the 5 year average at 93 percent. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, kale greens, green onions, parsley, and Swiss chard. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach. Beneficial rains in Coconino and Yavapai Counties were reported. Every weather station reported some measurable amount of precipitation last week with Teec Nos Pos reporting the least at 0.15 inches while Flagstaff reported the most at 2.76 inches. Prescott year to date precipitation at 17.34 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 125 percent. The driest, at 59 percent of normal, was experienced at Yuma South with only 2.24 inches for the year to date. The highest temperature during the week was 80 degrees reported at Ajo. The lowest temperature during the week was 5 degrees at Canyon De Chelly.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley Planted.....	1	--	24	35
Cotton Harvested	97	95	98	93

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.....	6.7	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture (percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	30	30	12	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	7	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	1	NA
Short	14	14	10	NA
Adequate.....	70	70	82	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	6
Poor	1	1	1	8
Fair	23	23	17	27
Good.....	43	43	48	38
Excellent	29	29	30	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	8	24
Poor.....	14	14	8	15
Fair	36	35	36	32
Good.....	36	37	42	26
Excellent	4	4	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_12252016.pdf