

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JANUARY 1, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Barley and Durum Wheat planting was well on its way 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. Barley planting was complete on 25 percent of the acreage last week, compared to 29 percent last year and 49 percent for the 5 year average. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 22 percent complete, eight percentage points ahead of last year. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, 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, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, and spinach. Beneficial rains continued last week in Coconino and Yavapai Counties where soil moisture levels were reported as high, with water tanks near full or completely full. Wheat planting was delayed in Graham County according to respondents, due to cold and wet weather. For the second week in a row, every weather station reported some measurable amount of precipitation, with Douglas reporting the least at 0.07 inches while Payson reported the most at 1.71 inches. All but 12 of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week. The highest temperature during the week was 78 degrees at Buckeye. The lowest temperature during the week was zero degrees at Flagstaff.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	25	1	29	49
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	22	--	14	NA

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	6.7	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	1	NA
Short.....	30	30	12	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	75	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	12	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	1	NA
Short.....	14	14	10	NA
Adequate.....	70	70	80	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	9	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	5
Poor	1	1	1	9
Fair	22	23	22	28
Good.....	46	43	44	36
Excellent	27	29	29	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	9	20
Poor.....	13	14	8	14
Fair	36	36	35	32
Good.....	36	36	42	31
Excellent	5	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/2017/AZ_Weather_01012017.pdf