

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JANUARY 29, 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 estimated at 72 percent complete, compared to 69 percent last year. Barley emerged was estimated at 25 percent, compared to 5 percent last year. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 62 percent complete, compared to 61 percent last year. Durum Wheat emerged was estimated at 24 percent, compared with zero percent last year. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, kale greens, kohlrabi, 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. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Soil moisture and free water are abundant on the North Western part of the State. The snow pack will serve to provide additional moisture as the year progresses, but cold temps will prevent any significant new forage growth in the short term. Recent precipitation should bring some spring feed in the North Eastern part of the State. Roll and Springerville reported the least precipitation at 0.01 inches while San Carlos reported the most at 1.05 inches. Parker year to date precipitation is the highest percent of normal in the State, while Heber is the driest. The highest temperature during the week was 75 degrees at Buckeye and Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was -17 degree at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	72	65	69	72
Emerged.....	25	11	5	5
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	62	53	61	72
Emerged.....	24	10	--	12

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	6.9	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	1	NA
Short.....	24	24	11	NA
Adequate.....	69	69	64	NA
Surplus.....	6	6	24	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	14	1	NA
Short.....	9	9	10	NA
Adequate.....	74	73	80	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	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	4
Poor	1	1	3	11
Fair	23	24	19	26
Good	44	43	43	35
Excellent.....	28	28	31	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	9	22
Poor	11	12	9	16
Fair	33	34	35	35
Good	33	33	42	25
Excellent.....	13	11	5	2

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_01292017.pdf