

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING February 05, 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 87 percent complete, compared to 82 percent last year. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 75 percent complete, compared to 77 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. Snow is beginning to melt resulting in more water for stock tanks, soil moisture is mostly adequate, and new forage is showing on the Northwestern part of the State. No precipitation was reported in any location this past week. Window Rock year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Heber was the driest. The highest temperature during the week was 80 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the week was 3 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	87	72	82	78
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	75	62	77	79

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	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	1	NA
Short.....	25	24	11	NA
Adequate.....	68	69	64	NA
Surplus.....	6	6	24	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	13	1	NA
Short.....	9	9	10	NA
Adequate.....	73	74	81	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	8	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	10
Fair	24	23	16	27
Good	43	44	46	35
Excellent.....	28	28	31	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	8	23
Poor	11	11	9	16
Fair	33	33	35	34
Good	33	33	42	25
Excellent.....	13	13	6	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_02052017.pdf