

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Barley and Durum Wheat planting was nearing completion, 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 90 percent complete, compared to 92 percent last year. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 85 percent complete, compared to 87 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, spinach, and Swiss chard. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Soil moisture supplies were adequate, and new forage is growing in the North Western part of the State. The highest precipitation reported was 0.70 at Springerville and the lowest was 0.01 at Window Rock. Springerville year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Maricopa was the driest. The highest temperature during the week was 90 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the week was 23 degrees at Springerville. All weather stations reported above normal temperatures for the past week, ranging from 4 to 14 degrees above normal.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	90	87	92	85
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	85	75	87	85

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	25	11	NA
Adequate.....	68	68	65	NA
Surplus.....	6	6	23	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	14	1	NA
Short	10	9	10	NA
Adequate.....	73	73	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	3
Poor	1	1	2	10
Fair	23	24	16	25
Good	44	43	45	37
Excellent.....	28	28	33	25
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	8	23
Poor	11	11	9	17
Fair	33	33	35	33
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_02122017.pdf