

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 26, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Durum Wheat planting 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 fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley conditions were mostly good to fair. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 93 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. 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. Recent weather events across the counties appear to have been just enough to maintain the current, very moist condition in the North Western part of the State. In the South Eastern part of the State, cold weather have affected spring growth. In some other areas producers have started irrigating their small grain crops, and field are being prepped for cotton. The highest precipitation reported during the week was 0.23 at Grand Canyon and the lowest was 0.01 at Aguila, Betatakin, Bisbee, Bonita, Buckeye, Coolidge, Desert Ridge, and Payson. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Nogales was the driest. The highest temperature during the week was 82 degrees at Bisbee and Douglas. The lowest temperature during the week was 10 degrees at Teec Nos Pos. Only fourteen weather stations reported above normal temperatures during the week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Durum Wheat Planted.....	93	88	NA	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	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	1	1	2	NA
Short.....	20	23	24	NA
Adequate.....	74	71	64	NA
Surplus.....	5	5	10	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	14	NA
Short.....	6	9	8	NA
Adequate.....	77	74	71	NA
Surplus.....	3	3	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.....	--	--	5	3
Poor.....	1	1	2	8
Fair.....	31	32	15	21
Good.....	48	45	43	42
Excellent.....	20	22	35	26
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	11	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	81	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	5	7	NA	NA
Good.....	82	83	NA	NA
Excellent.....	13	10	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	10	10	20
Poor.....	12	12	9	19
Fair.....	26	26	35	33
Good.....	39	40	40	26
Excellent.....	12	12	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\\_02262017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_02262017.pdf)