

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 5, 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 95 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, celery, 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 storms have created saturated moisture levels in the North Western part of the State, and as a result new forage was appearing in many locations. The highest precipitation reported during the week was 2.39 inches at Payson and the lowest was 0.01 inches at Bonita. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Nogales was the driest. Temperatures ranged from low of 4 degrees in Grand Canyon and Flagstaff to a high of 83 at Coolidge and Robson Ranch. Nineteen of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures during the week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Durum Wheat Planted.....	95	93	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	20	26	NA
Adequate	65	74	65	NA
Surplus	14	5	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	14	NA
Short	6	6	10	NA
Adequate	69	77	71	NA
Surplus	11	3	5	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	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	8
Fair.....	33	31	15	24
Good.....	49	48	44	42
Excellent.....	17	20	35	24
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	11	11	NA	NA
Good.....	82	81	NA	NA
Excellent.....	7	8	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	--	NA	NA
Fair.....	3	5	NA	NA
Good.....	88	82	NA	NA
Excellent.....	9	13	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	11	10	19
Poor.....	11	12	9	18
Fair.....	25	26	35	32
Good.....	41	39	41	28
Excellent.....	13	12	5	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_03052017.pdf