

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: 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, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Barley heading was estimated at 8 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Cotton planting was estimated at 6 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 7 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. Forage was growing and stocks tanks were mostly full in the Northwestern part of the State. Cotton farmers have started pre-irrigating fields for cotton in the Southeastern side of the State in Graham County. In Cochise County, warmer weather had winter annuals growing, but the soil had dried out some. The highest and the lowest precipitation reported during the week was 0.05 inches at Teec Nos Pos. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo was the driest. All but 5 of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week. Temperatures ranged from a low of 14 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 95 degrees at Yuma.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	8	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	6	1	3	3
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	7	NA	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	1	NA
Short.....	20	20	26	NA
Adequate.....	60	65	65	NA
Surplus.....	19	14	8	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	14	NA
Short.....	6	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	68	69	71	NA
Surplus.....	12	11	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.....	1	--	4	3
Poor.....	2	1	3	4
Fair.....	34	33	13	22
Good.....	45	49	42	44
Excellent.....	18	17	38	27
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	NA
Poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Fair.....	13	11	10	NA
Good.....	73	82	48	NA
Excellent.....	11	7	41	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	4	3	8	NA
Good.....	85	88	34	NA
Excellent.....	11	9	56	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	10	10	18
Poor.....	11	11	10	18
Fair.....	25	25	38	34
Good.....	42	41	37	27
Excellent.....	13	13	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_03122017.pdf