

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 19, 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 12 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was estimated at 8 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 10 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, and spinach. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Some areas were still wet and forage was growing rapidly and abundantly in the Northwestern part of the State; many ephemeral creeks were still running water. Temperatures were warmer than usual in the Southeastern side of the State. All of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 6 to 17 degrees above normal across the entire State, with most locations more than 10 degrees above normal. Temperatures ranged from a low of 22 degrees at Springerville to a high of 99 degrees at Paloma, Roll, and Yuma. No precipitation was reported at any of the 52 weather stations. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	12	8	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	8	6	5	8
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	10	7	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.....	60	60	65	NA
Surplus.....	19	19	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	14	NA
Short.....	6	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	68	68	71	NA
Surplus.....	12	12	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	1	4	3
Poor.....	2	2	2	4
Fair.....	34	34	13	19
Good.....	45	45	42	44
Excellent.....	18	18	39	30
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	12	13	10	NA
Good.....	72	73	47	NA
Excellent.....	13	11	41	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Fair.....	4	4	9	NA
Good.....	85	85	31	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	59	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	9	9	10	20
Poor.....	11	11	10	16
Fair.....	25	25	39	32
Good.....	42	42	36	28
Excellent.....	13	13	5	4

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\\_03192017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_03192017.pdf)