

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 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 32 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was estimated at 21 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 30 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. Conditions were very moist with ephemeral streams and springs running in numerous areas and new forage was beginning to appear in the Northwestern part of the State. Wind advisories, along with scattered light rain and hail postponed some planting in the Southeastern part of the State. All but 16 of the 52 weather stations reported below normal temperatures last week, ranging from -4 degrees below to 2 degrees above across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 19 degrees at Heber and Springerville to a high of 96 degrees at Paloma. The lowest precipitation reported during the week was 0.02 inches at Desert Ridge and Sahuarita. The highest precipitation reported was 0.63 inches at Canyon De Chelly. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Sahuarita was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	32	26	10	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	21	10	24	24
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	30	20	4	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	27	NA
Adequate.....	60	60	64	NA
Surplus.....	19	19	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	13	14	NA
Short.....	6	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	69	69	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	1	3
Fair .....	33	33	12	20
Good .....	46	46	43	43
Excellent.....	18	18	40	31
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor .....	2	2	--	NA
Fair .....	10	11	14	NA
Good .....	74	73	45	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	39	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Fair .....	4	4	10	NA
Good .....	85	85	30	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	59	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	8	11	16
Poor .....	11	11	11	20
Fair .....	24	24	38	35
Good .....	44	43	36	26
Excellent.....	14	14	4	3

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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\\_04022017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_04022017.pdf)