

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 9, 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 40 percent complete. Mature barley was estimated at 6 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was estimated at 30 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 40 percent complete. Mature durum wheat was estimated at 3 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. New forage has grown in everywhere with a sustained growing period with good soil moisture in the Northwestern part of the State. Also, stock tanks and ephemeral waters remained abundant unlike the Southeastern part of the State where the land has been drying hastily. All but 8 of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from -3 degrees below to 5 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 17 degrees at Window Rock to a high of 97 degrees at Paloma. The lowest precipitation reported during the week was 0.01 inches at Safford. The highest precipitation reported was 0.72 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.....	40	32	19	NA
Mature.....	6	NA	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	30	21	34	32
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	40	30	14	NA
Mature.....	3	NA	NA	NA

NA – not available

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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	27	NA
Adequate.....	60	60	65	NA
Surplus.....	19	19	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	13	13	14	NA
Short.....	6	6	11	NA
Adequate.....	69	69	71	NA
Surplus.....	12	12	4	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	3	3
Poor	2	2	1	3
Fair	33	33	20	20
Good	46	46	40	43
Excellent.....	18	18	36	31
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor	2	2	--	NA
Fair	11	10	15	NA
Good	73	74	46	NA
Excellent.....	13	13	37	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor	--	--	--	NA
Fair	4	4	8	NA
Good	85	85	31	NA
Excellent.....	11	11	60	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	7	11	17
Poor	11	11	12	20
Fair	24	24	38	34
Good	44	44	35	26
Excellent.....	13	14	4	3

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(--) – 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_04092017.pdf