

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 23, 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 70 percent complete. Mature barley was estimated at 20 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton planting was estimated at 53 percent complete and emerging at 20 percent complete. Durum wheat heading was estimated at 57 percent complete. Mature durum wheat was estimated at 15 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, kale greens, lettuce (green leaf, iceberg, and romaine), parsley, spinach, and Swiss chard. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Dry winds were causing a depletion in soil moisture in the Northwestern part of the State. All but 2 of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from -1 degrees below to 8 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 23 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 100 degrees at Buckeye and Paloma. No precipitation was reported during the week. 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.....	70	54	47	70
Mature.....	20	15	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	53	40	54	57
Emerging.....	20	5	NA	NA
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	57	46	38	64
Mature.....	15	12	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	3	NA
Short.....	22	21	26	NA
Adequate.....	60	59	65	NA
Surplus.....	17	19	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	15	NA
Short.....	7	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	69	68	71	NA
Surplus.....	10	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	--	2
Fair.....	33	33	12	15
Good.....	46	45	44	46
Excellent.....	18	19	41	34
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	NA
Poor.....	2	2	--	NA
Fair.....	13	11	11	NA
Good.....	67	66	48	NA
Excellent.....	17	20	39	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	4	4	7	NA
Good.....	84	84	33	NA
Excellent.....	12	12	59	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	21
Poor.....	11	11	13	20
Fair.....	24	24	38	33
Good.....	44	44	32	24
Excellent.....	13	13	4	2

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_04232017.pdf