

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 7, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton planting was estimated at 75 percent complete and emerging at 45 percent complete according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley headed was estimated at 80 percent complete. Mature barley was estimated at 33 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Durum wheat headed was estimated at 76 percent complete. Mature durum wheat was estimated at 25 percent complete and conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, western Arizona growers shipped cabbage, celery, romaine lettuce, and seedless watermelons. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. While soil moisture has declined due in part to excessive winds of late, and new forage was growing in most areas of the Northwestern part of the State. Stocks tanks still have water though most ephemeral streams have dried. Warmer temperatures and high winds continue to dry out annual spring forage in the Southeastern part of the State. A report from Pima County noted that fires have destroyed native grazing land over the last two weeks. All but 6 of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from -3 degrees below to 10 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 24 degrees at Grand Canyon and Window Rock to a high of 109 degrees at Buckeye and Robson Ranch. Window Rock reported the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Payson reported the most at 0.07 inches. 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.....	80	73	78	85
Mature.....	33	23	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	75	67	84	82
Emerg'd.....	45	38	33	NA
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	76	70	81	87
Mature.....	25	20	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.....	--	--	3	NA
Short.....	16	20	26	NA
Adequate.....	78	69	65	NA
Surplus.....	6	11	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	8	15	NA
Short.....	6	9	10	NA
Adequate.....	87	78	71	NA
Surplus.....	4	5	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.....	2	1	4	3
Poor.....	3	3	--	2
Fair.....	27	26	12	16
Good.....	36	43	43	43
Excellent.....	32	27	41	36
Barley				
Very poor.....	3	1	2	NA
Poor.....	3	1	--	NA
Fair.....	20	13	11	NA
Good.....	54	63	43	NA
Excellent.....	20	22	44	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	6	4	6	NA
Good.....	77	81	32	NA
Excellent.....	17	15	61	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	11	14	16	27
Poor.....	14	13	13	19
Fair.....	25	23	35	29
Good.....	36	35	31	23
Excellent.....	14	15	5	2

NA – not available

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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\\_05072017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_05072017.pdf)