

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 14, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton planting was estimated at 80 percent complete, emerging at 61 percent complete, and squaring at 4 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 83 percent complete. Mature barley was estimated at 47 percent complete with 2 percent harvested for grain. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Durum wheat headed was estimated at 81 percent complete. Mature durum wheat was estimated at 39 percent complete with 1 percent harvested for grain. Durum Wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, celery, and seedless watermelons. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. A storm last week provided sufficient precipitation for replenishing soil moisture and to maintain new forage growth in the Northwestern part of the State. All but 6 of the 51 weather stations reported below normal temperatures last week, ranging from -9 degrees below to 3 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 Robson Ranch. Bisbee, Phoenix, and San Simon reported the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Payson reported the most at 0.86 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.....	83	80	93	92
Mature.....	47	33	NA	NA
Harvested for Grain.....	2	0	NA	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	80	75	94	91
Emerged.....	61	45	56	NA
Squaring.....	4	--	--	1
Durum Wheat				
Headed.....	81	76	94	93
Mature.....	39	25	18	6
Harvested for Grain.....	1	--	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.....	10	16	26	NA
Adequate.....	85	78	65	NA
Surplus.....	5	6	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	3	15	NA
Short.....	4	6	10	NA
Adequate.....	96	87	71	NA
Surplus.....	--	4	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	2	4	3
Poor.....	4	3	--	2
Fair.....	29	27	12	17
Good.....	36	36	44	41
Excellent.....	29	32	40	37
Barley				
Very poor.....	2	3	2	NA
Poor.....	2	3	--	NA
Fair.....	11	20	11	NA
Good.....	59	54	43	NA
Excellent.....	26	20	44	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	1	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	96	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	3	NA	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	7	6	7	NA
Good.....	78	77	31	NA
Excellent.....	15	17	61	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	11	17	28
Poor.....	5	14	12	19
Fair.....	18	25	36	29
Good.....	44	36	30	22
Excellent.....	23	14	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_05142017.pdf