

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JUNE 18, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Extremely dry and warm weather helped in the advancement of crop maturity throughout the State last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat in the mature stage was estimated at 90 percent complete with 62 percent harvested for grain, an 18 and 27 percentage point increase respectively from the previous week. Mature barley was estimated at 93 percent complete with 60 percent harvested for grain. Durum wheat and barley conditions were rated fair to excellent. Cotton squaring was estimated at 54 percent and setting bolls at 38 percent complete. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on more than 85 percent of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed melons, and seedless watermelons. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to poor, depending on location. Forage conditions are rapidly declining in northern Arizona due to the dry and windy weather. Reports of grass fires in both Cochise and Graham County have greatly reduced forage areas. All but 13 of the 51 weather stations reported highs over 100 degrees last week. Temperatures ranged from a low of 24 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 119 degrees at Mohave. No weather station reported precipitation last 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				
Mature.....	93	85	59	NA
Harvested for Grain.....	60	40	44	NA
Cotton				
Squaring.....	54	35	49	45
Setting Bolls.....	38	7	14	6
Durum Wheat				
Mature.....	90	72	84	NA
Harvested for Grain.....	62	32	47	53

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.....	15	15	3	NA
Short.....	10	10	27	NA
Adequate.....	75	75	66	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	16	NA
Short.....	10	10	11	NA
Adequate.....	76	76	71	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	3	4	3
Poor.....	1	6	1	2
Fair.....	14	18	13	18
Good.....	33	30	48	44
Excellent.....	52	43	34	33
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	4	2	NA
Poor.....	--	4	--	NA
Fair.....	60	27	11	NA
Good.....	20	35	45	NA
Excellent.....	20	30	42	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	4	1
Poor.....	--	--	--	1
Fair.....	4	3	3	17
Good.....	82	73	55	53
Excellent.....	14	24	38	28
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	--	--	-	NA
Fair.....	4	8	8	NA
Good.....	80	68	36	NA
Excellent.....	16	24	55	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	1	18	30
Poor.....	21	22	14	22
Fair.....	28	27	40	30
Good.....	31	39	26	17
Excellent.....	10	11	2	1

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_06182017.pdf