

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 20, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton setting bolls was at 92 percent complete, bolls opening was 46 percent complete and cotton defoliated was at 1 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on almost three quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped potatoes. Forage was mostly abundant, stock tanks had adequate water, and soils moisture was high in the Northwestern part of the State. Rangeland had decent feed quality and good tank water in the Southeastern part of the State. In Graham County, it was reported that a rust fungus has set in almost everything in the valley. In Arizona, pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. All but 12 of the 51 weather stations reported below normal temperatures last week, ranging from 8 degrees below normal to 4 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 30 degrees at Springerville to a high of 112 degrees at Bullhead City. Twenty weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Grand Canyon, Payson, and Window Rock at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Kartchner at 0.58 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Mohave was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	92	89	94	97
Bolls Opening.....	46	28	43	43
Defoliated.....	1	NA	--	3

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.....	6.5	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	2	NA
Short.....	--	3	28	NA
Adequate.....	95	96	66	NA
Surplus.....	5	1	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	15	NA
Short.....	--	3	13	NA
Adequate.....	95	97	70	NA
Surplus.....	5	--	2	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.....	5	5	4	3
Poor .....	13	11	1	4
Fair .....	30	26	11	18
Good .....	33	30	52	47
Excellent.....	19	28	32	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	2	4	2
Poor .....	4	3	--	1
Fair .....	15	14	5	11
Good .....	50	58	51	49
Excellent.....	30	23	40	37
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	8	11	23
Poor .....	14	21	17	16
Fair .....	24	22	36	31
Good .....	40	31	30	26
Excellent.....	21	18	6	4

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\\_08202017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_08202017.pdf)