

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton bolls opening was 85 percent complete, cotton defoliated was at 20 percent complete and cotton harvested was at 7 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Cotton farmers have been finishing their last irrigation for the season in the Southeastern part of the State. In Pinal county late planted cotton has been experiencing heavy whitefly pressure. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Arizona growers shipped potatoes. Heavy rain and hail were reported in some areas of the Southeastern part of the State, but forage conditions and stock tanks have started declining due to a lack of general rains in the Northwestern part of the State. In Arizona, pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. All but 12 of the 51 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week, ranging from 4 degrees below normal to 8 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 44 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 113 degrees at Bullhead City. All but 7 of the 51 weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Buckeye and Kartchner at 0.01 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Seligman at 1.45 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Bonita was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening.....	85	73	69	74
Defoliated.....	20	15	19	19
Harvested.....	7	2	9	5

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	NA
Short.....	3	1	27	NA
Adequate.....	97	99	67	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	5	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	13	NA
Short.....	3	1	12	NA
Adequate.....	97	99	73	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	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.....	1	--	4	3
Poor.....	8	11	1	3
Fair.....	26	25	12	16
Good.....	33	28	47	46
Excellent.....	32	36	36	32
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	4	4	2
Poor.....	5	4	--	1
Fair.....	15	10	3	8
Good.....	54	63	53	47
Excellent.....	24	19	40	42
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	2	11	20
Poor.....	7	5	13	13
Fair.....	27	23	32	29
Good.....	40	43	34	31
Excellent.....	19	27	10	7

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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_09102017.pdf