

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton bolls opening was 93 percent complete, cotton defoliated was at 29 percent complete and cotton harvested was at 15 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 excellent, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes. The normal fall decline in forage is underway in the Northwestern part of the State and the lack of rain has affected alfalfa and pasture conditions in this area. But in general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. All but 15 of the 51 weather stations reported below normal temperatures last week, ranging from 10 degrees below normal to 6 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 21 degrees at Grand Canyon to a high of 101 degrees at Maricopa. Only five weather stations received some precipitation. The least amount of precipitation was reported at Flagstaff at 0.02 inches, and the most precipitation was reported at Canyon De Chelly at 0.20 inches. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening.....	93	91	89	86
Defoliated.....	29	25	28	27
Harvested.....	15	13	15	11

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.....	8	8	28	NA
Adequate.....	92	92	67	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	13	NA
Short.....	9	9	12	NA
Adequate.....	91	91	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.....	2	1	4	4
Poor.....	8	7	--	3
Fair.....	24	22	18	21
Good.....	35	42	45	44
Excellent.....	31	28	33	28
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	2
Poor.....	4	4	--	2
Fair.....	13	14	12	16
Good.....	53	55	52	49
Excellent.....	29	26	32	31
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	16	15	10	19
Poor.....	4	3	12	14
Fair.....	27	24	32	27
Good.....	37	33	36	33
Excellent.....	16	25	10	7

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_09242017.pdf