

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 15, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Cotton defoliated was at 47 percent complete and cotton harvested was at 24 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 excellent to good, depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Western Arizona shipped arugula, spring mix, melons, spinach, and Swiss chard. Tank water has been declining, the remaining forage has dried out, and the soil moisture has been depleting in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Twenty-one weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week and seventeen reported below normal temperatures, ranging from 4 degrees below normal to 7 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 14 degrees at Window Rock to a high of 98 degrees at Parker and Phoenix. No precipitation was reported in Arizona for this week. San Carlos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Springerville was the driest.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	47	41	44	41
Harvested.....	24	21	27	25

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	--	1	NA
Short.....	23	18	27	NA
Adequate.....	76	82	68	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	--	13	NA
Short.....	22	19	12	NA
Adequate.....	75	81	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	4
Poor.....	6	2	1	3
Fair.....	14	15	23	21
Good.....	35	43	43	43
Excellent.....	44	40	29	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	4	6	2
Poor.....	4	4	2	2
Fair.....	10	10	14	18
Good.....	64	64	51	51
Excellent.....	19	18	27	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	7	10	20
Poor.....	9	4	12	14
Fair.....	42	40	31	28
Good.....	43	44	37	32
Excellent.....	5	5	10	6

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_10152017.pdf