

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Cotton defoliated was at 55 percent complete and cotton harvested was at 28 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 almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, kale greens, Romaine lettuce, and spinach. Forage conditions have been below normal in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly good to fair. All but 1 of the weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week ranging from 7 degrees below normal to 13 degrees above normal across the entire State. Temperatures ranged from a low of 22 degrees at Springerville and Window Rock to a high of 100 degrees at Roll and Yuma Valley. Six weather stations reported some precipitation last week. Precipitation ranged from a low of 0.01 inches at Betatakin, Grand Canyon, Window Rock, and Winslow to a high of 0.03 inches at Heber. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while San Simon was the driest.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity       | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|-----------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton          |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Defoliated..... | 55                        | 47                         | 49                         | 46                          |
| Harvested.....  | 28                        | 24                         | 32                         | 30                          |

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             | 2             | NA             |
| Short.....                       | 19           | 23            | 27            | NA             |
| Adequate.....                    | 80           | 76            | 67            | NA             |
| Surplus.....                     | --           | --            | 4             | NA             |
| Subsoil moisture                 |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                  | 1            | 3             | 14            | NA             |
| Short.....                       | 18           | 22            | 12            | NA             |
| Adequate.....                    | 81           | 75            | 72            | 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.....         | 7            | 6             | 1             | 3              |
| Fair.....         | 20           | 14            | 22            | 20             |
| Good.....         | 33           | 35            | 43            | 44             |
| Excellent.....    | 38           | 44            | 30            | 29             |
| Cotton            |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 2            | 3             | 6             | 2              |
| Poor.....         | 3            | 4             | 2             | 3              |
| Fair.....         | 16           | 10            | 14            | 18             |
| Good.....         | 55           | 64            | 50            | 49             |
| Excellent.....    | 24           | 19            | 28            | 28             |
| Pasture and range |              |               |               |                |
| Very poor.....    | 1            | 1             | 10            | 21             |
| Poor.....         | 12           | 9             | 12            | 12             |
| Fair.....         | 37           | 42            | 33            | 30             |
| Good.....         | 44           | 43            | 36            | 32             |
| Excellent.....    | 6            | 5             | 9             | 5              |

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\\_10222017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_10222017.pdf)