

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 29, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm, dry, weather dominated the State, affording producers the opportunity to harvest their cotton during the week; however, reports from some locations indicated that windy conditions did slow progress, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. By week's end, 39 percent of the crop had been harvested, compared with 43 percent last year and a 5-year average of 36 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent. With harvest occurring on approximately 70 percent of the alfalfa crop, crop condition was reported as 73 percent good to excellent, compared with 73 percent last year and a 5-year average of 72 percent. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, kale greens, green leaf lettuce, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. Forage conditions have been below normal in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Average temperatures ranged from normal to 13 degrees above normal. Overnight lows varied from 19 degrees at Springerville to 62 degrees at Yuma MCAS. Daytime highs ranged from 69 degrees at Betatakin to 99 degrees at Ajo, Parker 1, Phoenix, and Yuma MCAS. The only measurable moisture was reported at Bowie, where 0.02 inch accumulated. Teec Nos Pos, at 139 percent, continued to show the highest year-to-date precipitation percent of normal, while San Simon was the driest at 50 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	69	55	59	51
Harvested.....	39	28	43	36

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.....	16	19	28	NA
Adequate .....	83	80	66	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	14	NA
Short.....	16	18	12	NA
Adequate .....	83	81	72	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	4	4
Poor.....	7	7	1	3
Fair.....	19	20	22	21
Good.....	40	33	43	43
Excellent.....	33	38	30	29
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	1	2	6	2
Poor.....	3	3	2	3
Fair.....	19	16	14	18
Good.....	53	55	50	50
Excellent.....	24	24	28	27
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	10	21
Poor.....	16	12	12	13
Fair.....	45	37	33	29
Good.....	35	44	36	32
Excellent.....	3	6	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 10292017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_10292017.pdf)