



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 12, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: With harvest occurring on 65 percent of the alfalfa crop, the crop condition was reported as 70 percent good to excellent, compared with 73 percent last year and a 5-year average of 69 percent according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. By week's end, 50 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 57 percent last year and a 5-year average of 54 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, iceberg lettuce, and parsley. Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, green and red leaf lettuce, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Average temperatures ranged from 1 to 10 degrees above normal. Overnight lows varied from 15 degrees at Grand Canyon and Springerville to 58 degrees at Ajo and Phoenix. Daytime highs ranged from 62 degrees at Flagstaff to 89 degrees at Sahuarita and Tucson. Twenty stations had some precipitation ranging from a low of 0.01 inches reported at Bonita to a high of 0.45 inches reported at Kartchner and San Carlos. Teec Nos Pos, at 135 percent, continued to show the highest year-to-date precipitation percent of normal, while San Simon was the driest at 49 percent.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	80	75	74	64
Harvested.....	50	43	57	54

NA – not available

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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.....	4	1	2	NA
Short	25	19	28	NA
Adequate	71	80	66	NA
Surplus	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	2	14	NA
Short	27	20	12	NA
Adequate	69	78	72	NA
Surplus	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	4
Poor.....	5	2	1	4
Fair.....	25	16	23	23
Good.....	39	48	43	44
Excellent.....	31	34	30	25
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	1	7	2
Poor.....	4	3	2	3
Fair.....	11	20	14	22
Good.....	65	56	49	49
Excellent.....	16	20	28	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	3	10	22
Poor.....	15	24	13	13
Fair.....	43	44	33	30
Good.....	36	28	36	31
Excellent.....	3	1	8	4

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_11122017.pdf