

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



United States Department of Agriculture  
**NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE**  
**ARIZONA FIELD OFFICE**  
 230 N 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite 302A, Phoenix, AZ 85003-1723  
 Cooperating with the Arizona Department of Agriculture



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:  
 January 29, 2018

Contact: Dave DeWalt  
 (800) 645-7286

## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION MONTH OF JANUARY 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Reports were received sheep grazing alfalfa fields. By the end of January, 95 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested. Barley planting was complete on 40 percent of the acreage last month, compared to 65 percent last year and 35 percent of barley had emerged, compared with 11 percent last year. Durum wheat planting was estimated at 58 percent complete, compared with 53 percent last year and 43 percent had emerged compared with 10 percent last year. Last month, central and western Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, kale greens, lettuce (Romaine) and parsley. In western Arizona, growers also shipped arugula, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and other), radicchio, spinach and Swiss chard. Reporters indicated that Coconino and Yavapai Counties received enough precipitation to help to settle dust, but the counties are still exceptionally dry. In Cochise County, no winter rains have been reported and soil moisture was lacking. In Pima County, ranchers have been suffering from extreme drought. For the month of January, 48 of the 50 weather stations reported some precipitation, with Douglas reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Teec Nos Pos reported the most at 2.04 inches. All weather stations reported above normal temperatures for the month. The highest temperature during the month was 82 degrees at Ajo, Roll and Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the month was -6 degrees at Springerville.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	40	20	65	N/A
Emerged .....	35	3	11	N/A
Cotton				
Harvested .....	95	90	100	N/A
Durum wheat				
Planted .....	58	21	53	N/A
Emerged .....	43	4	10	N/A

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Topsoil moisture				
Very short .....	4	3	1	N/A
Short .....	13	23	24	N/A
Adequate .....	83	74	69	N/A
Surplus .....	--	--	6	N/A
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	4	3	14	N/A
Short .....	13	23	9	N/A
Adequate .....	79	74	73	N/A
Surplus .....	4	--	4	N/A

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current report (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	4	N/A
Poor.....	4	1	1	N/A
Fair.....	13	18	24	N/A
Good .....	57	47	43	N/A
Excellent .....	26	34	28	N/A
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	17	31	10	N/A
Poor.....	27	35	12	N/A
Fair.....	45	34	34	N/A
Good .....	11	--	33	N/A
Excellent .....	--	--	11	N/A

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/2018/AZ-Weather-01282018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-01282018.pdf)