

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 25, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of this week, cotton planting was 20 percent complete, compared to 10 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Thirty-three percent of barley has headed compared with 24 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. A hundred percent of durum wheat had emerged, and 30 percent of durum wheat has headed compared with 19 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. This week, central and western Arizona growers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, iceberg lettuce, kale greens, and parsley (curly and plain). In eastern Arizona, growers also shipped beet tops, and in western Arizona, also shipped arugula, endive, escarole, frisee, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, red leaf, Romaine, and other), radicchio, spinach, and Swiss chard. In Apache, Gila, and Navajo Counties, conditions continue to worsen. Many producers have had to supplement feed and haul water to their livestock or decrease their herd. In Coconino and Yavapai Counties, recent rains have settled some dust, but not enough rain to grow new forage and to run any free water. Stock tanks are still low or empty, with producers hauling water. In Pinal County, the ongoing drought has been disastrous for ranchers. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to fair. For the week ending on March 25th, 11 of the 50 weather stations reported some precipitation, with Mohave and Prescott reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Pipe Springs reported the most at 0.31 inches. Thirty-two of the 50 weather stations reported above normal temperatures this week. The highest temperature during the week was 93 degrees at Robson Ranch. The lowest temperature during the week was 13 degrees at Window Rock.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	33	29	24	NA
Cotton				
Planted	20	17	10	13
Durum wheat				
Emerged	100	93	NA	NA
Headed	30	13	19	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	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	1	NA
Short.....	9	16	20	NA
Adequate.....	86	80	60	NA
Surplus.....	4	3	19	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	13	NA
Short.....	9	16	6	NA
Adequate.....	86	80	69	NA
Surplus.....	4	3	12	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	3
Poor.....	3	2	2	3
Fair.....	14	11	33	21
Good.....	61	70	46	42
Excellent.....	22	17	18	31
Barley				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	2	4	2	1
Fair.....	45	43	11	31
Good.....	38	47	73	51
Excellent.....	14	5	13	16
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	--	1
Fair.....	18	19	4	10
Good.....	60	68	85	56
Excellent.....	21	12	11	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	20	20	8	11
Poor.....	40	37	11	17
Fair.....	21	30	24	35
Good.....	8	13	43	32
Excellent.....	2	--	14	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/2018/AZ-Weather-03252018.pdf