

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 8, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of this week, cotton planting was 25 percent complete, compared to 29 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. In Graham County, cotton farmers began pre-irrigating and should be planting in the next week. Cotton planting is expected to be lower than last season due to lack of water. In the State of Arizona, 50 percent of barley has headed compared with 39 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Forty-four percent of durum wheat has headed compared with 39 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 more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. In Graham County, some ranchers have been reporting a shortage of hay available in the valley. Ranchers are reporting dry drought conditions and are supplement feeding and hauling water. This week, central and western Arizona growers shipped, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, kale greens, and parsley (curly and plain). In eastern Arizona, growers also shipped green onions, and in western Arizona, also shipped anise, arugula, bok choy, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, Romaine, and other), spinach, and Swiss chard. In Coconino and Yavapai Counties, drought conditions continue to worsen. New forage is mostly non-existent, tanks are mostly dry and soil moisture is depleting rapidly. In Cochise County, there is some spring forage, but warm weather and winds have been affecting soil moisture levels. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to very poor. For the week ending on April 8<sup>th</sup>, only 2 of the 48 weather stations reported some precipitation, with Page reporting the least at 0.09 inches while Kayenta reported the most at 0.18 inches. All of the reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures this week, and 14 of them reported double digit values to a maximum of 13 degrees above normal. The highest temperature during the week was 97 degrees at Parker. The lowest temperature during the week was 23 degrees at Grand Canyon.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed .....	50	42	39	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	25	23	29	31
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	44	38	39	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.....	6	5	1	NA
Short.....	15	18	20	NA
Adequate.....	79	77	60	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	19	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	5	5	13	NA
Short.....	16	15	6	NA
Adequate.....	79	80	69	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	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.....	4	5	2	3
Fair.....	15	16	33	22
Good.....	45	52	46	42
Excellent.....	36	27	18	30
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	4	6	2	1
Fair.....	37	36	11	30
Good.....	45	44	73	51
Excellent.....	14	14	13	17
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	5	4	--	--
Fair.....	25	20	4	10
Good.....	44	51	85	59
Excellent.....	26	25	11	31
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	35	30	8	10
Poor.....	44	42	11	19
Fair.....	14	20	24	33
Good.....	7	8	44	33
Excellent.....	--	--	13	5

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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-04082018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-04082018.pdf)