

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 20, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 75 percent of the barley crop has matured compared with 61 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Thirty-four percent has been harvested compared with 13 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Seventy percent of durum wheat has matured compared with 48 percent last year, and 13 percent has been harvested compared with 10 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. Cotton planting was 92 percent complete compared to 89 percent last year. Eighty-two percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 70 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews, and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Some other areas of Arizona started shipping onions and potatoes. In the Northeastern part of the State, the threat of fire is eminent and still a danger. Range conditions continue to decline, water is in short supply and grass is limited. In the East Central part of the State, fires continue to be an issue, water is limited, and producers are looking at reducing numbers of cattle to be able to have enough feed. In the North Central and Northeastern part of the State, range conditions are severe and soil moisture is essentially non-existent. Also, native vegetation is dying and ranchers are liquidating herds. In the Southeastern part of the State, crop and range conditions are still extremely dry. Many ranchers are hauling water, supplemental feeding, selling older cattle, while there is a general lack of water to irrigate. In the South Central part of the state, reporters noted that it is as dry as it has ever been since 1920. In general, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly very poor to poor. For the week ending on May 20th, no significant precipitation was reported during the week. Thirty of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The same 30 stations have reported temperatures over 90 degrees, ranging from 92 to 103 degrees. The highest temperature during the week was 103 degrees at Roll and the lowest was 27 degrees at Grand Canyon.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Mature.....	75	62	61	NA
Harvested	34	16	13	NA
Cotton				
Planted	92	84	89	94
Emerged.....	82	68	70	NA
Durum wheat				
Mature.....	70	42	48	NA
Harvested	13	5	10	NA

NA – not available

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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.....	4	5	--	NA
Short.....	22	25	7	NA
Adequate.....	71	70	93	NA
Surplus.....	3	--	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	5	--	NA
Short.....	21	27	7	NA
Adequate.....	72	68	93	NA
Surplus.....	3	--	--	NA

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	1	1	3	2
Fair.....	17	14	28	17
Good.....	56	61	42	41
Excellent.....	26	24	25	37
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	1
Poor.....	6	5	2	1
Fair.....	38	43	15	23
Good.....	35	39	62	48
Excellent.....	21	13	19	27
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	2	--	--	NA
Fair.....	61	70	--	NA
Good.....	35	30	98	NA
Excellent.....	2	--	2	NA
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	2	--	1
Fair.....	27	27	6	11
Good.....	30	36	78	60
Excellent.....	42	35	16	28
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	58	62	16	21
Poor.....	32	38	13	19
Fair.....	6	--	22	29
Good.....	4	--	35	26
Excellent.....	--	--	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-05202018.pdf

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