

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 5, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, 88 percent of cotton has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 84 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Twenty-two percent has reached the bolls opening stage, the same percent as last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Western Arizona growers shipped mixed melons. Arizona growers also shipped red and yellow potatoes. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly very poor to poor. In the Northeastern and East Central part of the State, producers are still hauling water to livestock. While enough rain was received in some areas of the North Central part of the State to help grow forage and fill some water tanks, some other areas are still exceptionally dry. There is a general improvement in forage production in the Northwestern part of the State, but there are still significant areas where only sparse amounts of rain have fallen and drought conditions still prevail. For the week ending on August 5<sup>th</sup>, all but 13 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Kayenta reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Kartchner reported the most at 1.91 inches. All but 6 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 116 degrees at Mohave. The lowest temperature during the week was 47 degrees at Grand Canyon. Twenty-nine of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater, with 13 stations reporting values at or over 110 degrees.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting Bolls.....	88	76	84	83
Bolls Opening.....	22	15	22	22

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	6.8	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	10	17	7	NA
Adequate.....	90	81	90	NA
Surplus.....	--	2	3	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	2	--	NA
Short.....	11	15	7	NA
Adequate.....	89	81	93	NA
Surplus.....	--	2	--	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.....	2	2	5	4
Poor.....	13	9	10	4
Fair.....	27	28	27	19
Good.....	37	37	33	43
Excellent.....	21	24	25	30
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	2	2
Poor.....	3	2	6	2
Fair.....	62	53	14	12
Good.....	33	37	57	51
Excellent.....	1	7	21	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	74	65	17	21
Poor.....	24	24	12	16
Fair.....	1	7	26	30
Good.....	1	4	36	29
Excellent.....	--	--	9	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/2018/AZ-Weather-08052018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-08052018.pdf)

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