

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 63 percent of cotton has reached the bolls opening stage compared with 71 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fourteen percent has been defoliated compared with 14 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. 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. Pasture and range conditions were generally rated mostly very poor to poor. In the North Central part of the State, the monsoon season has mitigated some of the drought severity, but has not eliminated drought conditions. In the Northwestern part of the State, the monsoon season has replenished a good portion of soil moisture. In both regions, new forage is growing but ephemeral streams are dry and reservoirs are still below average. Heavy rains over the weekend caused some flooding and washed out some fencing in the Southeastern part of the State. For the week ending on September 2nd, 24 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Nogales and Paloma reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Bowie reported the most at 3.80 inches. Only 13 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 108 degrees at Bullhead City, Mohave, Roll, and Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was 40 degrees at Grand Canyon. Twenty-two of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	63	55	71	60
Defoliated	14	5	14	12

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	6.7	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	18	16	1	NA
Adequate.....	80	82	99	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	--	NA
Short.....	17	15	1	NA
Adequate.....	81	83	99	NA
Surplus.....	2	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	--	3
Poor.....	15	6	11	4
Fair.....	22	22	25	19
Good.....	38	46	28	43
Excellent.....	25	24	36	31
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	2	4	2
Poor.....	4	2	4	1
Fair.....	38	47	10	11
Good.....	42	41	63	53
Excellent.....	13	8	19	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	38	47	2	14
Poor.....	26	29	5	11
Fair.....	20	12	23	28
Good.....	14	9	43	36
Excellent.....	2	3	27	11

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-09022018.pdf

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