

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 3, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of this week, cotton planting was 7 percent complete compared to 5 percent last year. Seventy-five percent of barley has been planted compared with 93 percent last year, 62 percent has emerged compared with 79 percent last year, and 2 percent has headed compared with 18 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Ninety-one percent of Durum wheat has been planted compared with 88 percent last year, 65 percent has emerged compared with 75 percent last year, and 1 percent has headed. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Snow melt and run-off has filled up most irrigation district reservoirs and livestock dirt tanks have generally caught good water in the Northeastern part of the State. Some early calving has been taking place, but pasture and range plants remain dormant. In the North Central part of the State, it is still too early for significant new forage growth, but the amount of soil moisture and free water hold great potential for an abundant spring.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	75	55	93	NA
Emerged .....	62	41	79	NA
Headed .....	2	--	18	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	7	2	5	1
Durum wheat				
Planted .....	91	66	88	NA
Emerged .....	65	42	75	NA
Headed .....	1	--	1	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 .....	6.7	NA	NA	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	--	1
Short .....	6	5	14	26
Adequate .....	85	77	86	68
Surplus .....	9	18	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	--	6
Short .....	6	5	14	19
Adequate .....	90	82	86	71
Surplus .....	4	13	--	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

## CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	1	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	--	2	7
Fair.....	25	22	8	22
Good .....	59	61	72	46
Excellent .....	10	17	18	23
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	--	--	--	NA
Fair.....	10	6	59	NA
Good .....	83	92	37	NA
Excellent .....	7	2	4	NA
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	NA
Poor.....	1	1	--	NA
Fair.....	7	1	25	NA
Good .....	84	92	68	NA
Excellent .....	8	6	7	NA
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	5	2	24	20
Poor.....	12	21	38	17
Fair.....	47	55	31	30
Good .....	27	18	7	28
Excellent .....	9	4	--	5

NA – not available

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