

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 24, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, cotton planting was 24 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-five percent of barley has been planted, 89 percent has emerged, and 21 percent has headed compared with 32 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Fourteen percent of Durum wheat has headed compared with 28 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Moisture appears to be a little more generally dispersed through the North Central part of the State. Cold temperatures have been delaying some forage growth, but once it warms up, there should be enough moisture to grow abundant forage. In the Northwestern part of the State, recent storms have provided just enough precipitation to maintain excellent soil moisture for forage growth. In the South Central part of the State, heat units for cotton planting are running about 10 days behind normal. Different storms have been affecting the area with rain and cool temperatures.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted .....	95	90	NA	NA
Emerged .....	89	82	NA	NA
Headed .....	21	13	32	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	24	20	20	12
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	14	10	28	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	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	1	1
Short .....	6	6	9	22
Adequate .....	88	86	86	70
Surplus .....	6	8	4	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	1	6
Short .....	6	7	9	15
Adequate .....	88	87	86	74
Surplus .....	6	6	4	5

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 .....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	1	4	3	3
Fair.....	17	14	14	19
Good .....	66	67	61	44
Excellent .....	16	15	22	31
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	1
Poor.....	2	--	2	2
Fair.....	11	17	45	34
Good .....	84	77	38	47
Excellent .....	3	6	14	16
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	1
Fair.....	6	2	18	10
Good .....	86	89	60	57
Excellent .....	7	8	21	32
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	--	3	29	17
Poor.....	5	10	40	20
Fair.....	37	38	21	30
Good .....	54	45	8	28
Excellent .....	4	4	2	5

NA – not available

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