

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 8, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 68 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 72 percent last year, 19 percent had been defoliated compared to 19 percent last year, and 2 percent had been harvested compared with 7 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were mostly rated fair to poor. A drier and hotter air mass has dominated AZ weather this week as daytime temperatures approached record highs during the middle of the week. Poor range conditions were reported in the northeastern, north central, northwestern, and southeastern parts of the State due to dry soil conditions.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	68	61	72	70
Defoliated .....	19	14	19	18
Harvested .....	2	NA	7	5

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	6.6	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	2	--	--	--
Short .....	20	14	15	17
Adequate .....	77	86	83	79
Surplus .....	1	--	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	2	--	--	4
Short .....	24	17	14	14
Adequate .....	74	83	84	80
Surplus .....	--	--	2	2

NA – not available

(--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	9	12	7	5
Fair.....	23	20	16	17
Good .....	51	42	47	42
Excellent .....	17	26	30	32
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	11	6	2	2
Fair.....	33	24	46	18
Good .....	45	51	41	48
Excellent .....	11	19	10	30
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	6	2	29	14
Poor.....	35	33	30	14
Fair.....	42	50	16	28
Good .....	17	14	19	34
Excellent .....	--	1	6	10

NA – not available

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