

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 15, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of this week, 92 percent of Durum wheat has been planted, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-one percent has emerged compared with 93 percent last year, and 25 percent has headed compared with 8 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. Eighty-six percent of barley has been planted compared with 88 percent last year, 84 percent has emerged compared with 80 percent last year, and 37 percent has headed compared with 12 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Nine percent of cotton has been planted compared with 19 percent last year. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair. In the north-central part of the State, forage is still dormant, but in the northwestern part of the State, recent rains have been improving forage growth. In the southeastern part of the State, forage growth is still improving, and in the south central part of the State, significant precipitation has been improving range and soil conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	86	81	88	NA
Emerg'd	84	79	80	NA
Headed	37	24	12	NA
Cotton				
Planted	9	6	19	9
Durum wheat				
Planted	92	91	NA	NA
Emerg'd	91	85	93	NA
Headed	25	11	8	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	6.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	--	1
Short	2	5	6	19
Adequate	98	95	86	72
Surplus	--	--	8	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	--	6
Short	2	5	7	13
Adequate	98	95	87	75
Surplus	--	--	6	6

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	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	4	2
Fair.....	15	15	14	19
Good	41	50	67	53
Excellent	44	35	15	24
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	9	--	1
Fair.....	24	15	17	34
Good	48	49	77	50
Excellent	28	27	6	14
Durum wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	2	2	2	9
Good	41	50	89	69
Excellent	57	48	8	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor	--	1	3	11
Poor.....	13	22	10	16
Fair.....	58	58	38	34
Good	28	19	45	34
Excellent	1	--	4	5

NA – not available

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