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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING AUGUST 23, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 70 percent of cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 46 percent last year and 3 percent had been defoliated 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 excellent. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage harvest across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to fair. No exceptional drought was reported during the week in Arizona. In the northwestern, southwestern, and south central parts of the state, severe dryness and extremely high temperatures have been causing stress on the cotton crop. Ranchers are hauling water and may need to sell calves early. In the north central part of the state, forage growth is nonexistent due to extreme heat and severe dryness.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

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