

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2020

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 31 percent of the cotton acreage had been defoliated compared with 24 percent last year, and 12 percent had been harvested compared with 9 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 excellent to good, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to very poor. Severe to extreme dryness and high temperatures have affected forage growth in the entire state. In the north central and northwestern part of the State, forage was dry and limited precipitation was reported in the southern part of the state at the beginning of the week. Dry soil and high temperatures have been beneficial to the cotton crop in the south central and southeastern parts of the state.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated .....	31	24	24	26
Harvested .....	12	7	9	13

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	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	15	18	1	--
Short.....	15	12	34	20
Adequate .....	70	70	63	77
Surplus .....	--	--	2	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	15	18	2	3
Short.....	14	11	35	17
Adequate .....	71	71	63	78
Surplus .....	--	--	--	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 .....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	--	--	9	4
Fair.....	14	10	19	17
Good .....	42	44	54	46
Excellent .....	44	46	18	30
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	7	3
Fair.....	4	8	35	25
Good .....	63	56	48	46
Excellent .....	33	36	10	24
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	32	23	17	16
Poor.....	39	40	35	19
Fair.....	25	34	34	28
Good .....	4	3	14	28
Excellent .....	--	--	--	9

NA – not available

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