

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 20, 2015

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 10 percent harvested. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location. Central Arizona growers had no produce movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped mixed and miscellaneous melons last week. Rains from last week did not produce enough moisture. Some parts of the State are very dry and without sufficient forage. Seventeen of the weather stations reported receiving no precipitation this week. Canyon De Chelly has the highest year to date precipitation at 191 percent of normal, while Paloma has the lowest year to date precipitation at 44 percent of normal.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	75	70	74	84
Defoliated	25	20	24	28
Harvested	10	5	5	10

NA - not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	7.0	6.9	6.9	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	1	1	NA
Short	13	13	28	NA
Adequate	79	77	69	NA
Surplus	8	9	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	1	7	NA
Short	12	11	33	NA
Adequate	83	82	58	NA
Surplus	5	6	2	NA

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	7	7	6	2
Poor	1	2	5	5
Fair	15	10	23	26
Good.....	42	44	39	44
Excellent.....	35	37	27	23
Cotton				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor	2	2	2	2
Fair	16	15	9	14
Good.....	42	47	48	52
Excellent.....	36	32	41	32
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	9	9	13	24
Poor	8	7	14	16
Fair	34	34	30	27
Good.....	39	39	38	27
Excellent.....	10	11	5	6

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Arizona’s weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_09202015.pdf