

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4, 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 20 percent complete. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location. Central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews last week. Western Arizona growers had no produce movement last week. The Northern part of the State is experiencing dry conditions and a decline in range conditions below 7,000 feet. Eleven of the weather stations reported precipitation this week. Nine weather stations year to date precipitation are less than 85 percent of normal, while Paloma has the lowest year to date precipitation at 45 percent of normal. The highest temperature was 107 degrees at Bullhead City and Roll, while various locations experienced 106 degrees. The lowest temperature was 29 degrees at the Grand Canyon and Flagstaff.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening .....	90	80	89	95
Defoliated.....	35	30	34	30
Harvested .....	20	15	14	17

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	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	1	1	1	NA
Short .....	11	13	35	NA
Adequate.....	79	77	64	NA
Surplus .....	9	9	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	--	8	NA
Short .....	8	11	33	NA
Adequate.....	86	83	59	NA
Surplus .....	5	6	--	NA

NA - not available

(--) - zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	5	2
Poor .....	2	2	6	7
Fair .....	18	17	24	29
Good.....	41	41	37	43
Excellent.....	34	35	28	19
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	5	5	--	--
Poor .....	2	2	3	3
Fair .....	16	16	11	19
Good.....	39	39	47	54
Excellent.....	38	38	39	24
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	9	9	12	25
Poor .....	8	8	15	16
Fair .....	36	34	30	26
Good.....	39	39	38	27
Excellent.....	8	10	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\\_10042015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_10042015.pdf)