

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 29, 2015

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions continued to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting occurred on approximately two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton harvest is at 75 percent complete, ahead of last year at 74 percent and the five-year average at 68 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, lemons, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, red leaf, and romaine), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. The Northern part of the State experienced no changes in forage or water conditions, but the Southern part had freezing temperatures in some locations. Thirty-seven out of the fifty reporting weather stations recorded no precipitation this week. Thirty-nine weather stations report 90 and above percent of normal. The highest temperature was 84 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature was 10 degrees at Flagstaff.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	95	90	94	63
Harvested.....	75	70	74	68

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	11	35	NA
Adequate.....	78	77	64	NA
Surplus.....	10	11	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	1	8	NA
Short .....	9	9	33	NA
Adequate.....	83	82	59	NA
Surplus.....	7	8	--	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.....	4	4	6	2
Poor .....	2	2	7	10
Fair .....	18	19	22	33
Good.....	43	42	39	37
Excellent.....	33	33	26	18
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	8	8	13	24
Poor .....	8	8	17	17
Fair .....	34	34	36	31
Good.....	43	43	32	25
Excellent.....	7	7	2	3

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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\\_11292015.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2015/AZ_Weather_11292015.pdf)