

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 14, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions were rated 78 percent good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on almost two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cilantro, kale greens, and parsley last week. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, Bok Choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, Iceberg, green leaf, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Unexpected high temperatures and low humidity is causing a loss of soil moisture throughout the State. All 50 weather stations reported no precipitation and above average temperatures during the week. The highest temperature during the week was 89 degrees reported at several locations. The lowest temperature during the week was 12 degrees at Springville.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley Planted.....	95	85	38	86
Durum Wheat Planted.....	90	80	84	88

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	37	NA
Adequate.....	65	64	60	NA
Surplus.....	23	24	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	1	1	8	NA
Short .....	10	10	31	NA
Adequate.....	81	81	59	NA
Surplus.....	8	8	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)
<b>Alfalfa Hay</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	5	2
Poor .....	2	3	7	13
Fair .....	16	16	22	30
Good.....	45	46	37	33
Excellent.....	33	31	29	22
<b>Pasture and Range</b>				
Very poor.....	8	8	15	23
Poor .....	9	9	12	19
Fair .....	35	35	35	35
Good.....	42	42	36	22
Excellent.....	6	6	2	1

NA – not available

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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/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_02142016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_02142016.pdf)