

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 21, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated 79 percent good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on 70 percent of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Central Arizona growers 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, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Boston, Iceberg, green leaf, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, and spinach last week. Unusually high temperatures and lack of spring rains are drying the soil moisture rapidly throughout the State. The weather station at Pipe Springs reported 0.07 inches of precipitation, while the other 49 weather stations reported no precipitation during the week. The highest temperature during the week was 93 degrees reported at Paloma. The lowest temperature during the week was 18 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	98	95	53	90
Emerged	15	NA	34	12
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	95	90	98	93
Emerged	20	NA	74	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	15	11	37	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	60	NA
Surplus	19	23	2	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	7	1	7	NA
Short	9	10	32	NA
Adequate.....	78	81	59	NA
Surplus	6	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)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor.....	4	4	6	2
Poor	2	2	7	12
Fair	15	16	22	22
Good.....	46	45	37	39
Excellent.....	33	33	28	25
Pasture and Range				
Very poor.....	10	8	15	22
Poor	8	9	12	19
Fair	36	35	35	35
Good.....	40	42	36	23
Excellent.....	6	6	2	1

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/2016/AZ_Weather_02212016.pdf