

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 20, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on slightly over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton planted is at 5 percent, the same as last year, but down from the 5-year average of 8 percent. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. 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. Drought conditions this past week continue to deplete the soil moisture throughout the State. All 50 weather stations reported no precipitation this week. The highest temperature during the week was 96 degrees reported at Roll. The lowest temperature during the week was 18 degrees at Window Rock. Only Bonita, Bullhead City, Douglas, and Paloma are reporting year to date precipitation above 80 percent of normal.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged	85	75	74	90
Cotton				
Planted.....	5	N/A	5	8
Durum Wheat				
Emerged	90	80	94	49
Winter Wheat				
Planted.....	85	65	85	84
Emerged	55	50	11	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

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	2	1	2	NA
Short	26	26	27	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	67	NA
Surplus	7	8	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	--	NA
Short	10	10	21	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	75	NA
Surplus	5	5	4	NA

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa Hay				
Very poor	4	4	7	3
Poor	2	3	2	5
Fair	13	13	14	21
Good.....	42	42	34	42
Excellent.....	39	38	43	29
Barely				
Very poor	2	1	1	N/A
Poor	--	--	5	N/A
Fair	10	10	69	N/A
Good.....	47	48	20	N/A
Excellent.....	41	41	5	N/A
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	--	1	--	N/A
Poor	1	1	3	N/A
Fair	9	8	10	N/A
Good.....	31	34	61	N/A
Excellent.....	59	56	26	N/A
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	10	10	14	20
Poor	10	10	11	16
Fair	39	38	33	33
Good.....	36	37	37	27
Excellent.....	5	5	5	4

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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_03202016.pdf