

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 24, 2016

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week. Harvesting continued on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton planted is at 55 percent, below last year and the 5-year average at 64 and 58 percent, respectively. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. Central Arizona growers had no movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped celery, kale greens, varieties of lettuce (Iceberg, romaine and other), and spinach last week. Recent storms have sustained favorable soil moisture throughout the northern part of the State, enough to sustain new forage growth. The southern part of the State continues to be dry and hot. Two weather stations reported precipitation last week. Window Rock recorded 0.01 inches while Teec Nos Pos reported 0.75 inches. Bonita and Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is at 121 and 113 percent of normal, respectively, followed by Paloma and Bullhead City at 95 and 93 percent, respectively. The driest, at 29 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 98 degrees reported at several locations. The lowest temperature during the week was 19 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed	50	30	47	80
Cotton				
Planted.....	55	45	64	58
Durum Wheat				
Headed	40	25	62	58
Winter Wheat				
Emerged	90	85	61	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	3	1	3	NA
Short	26	27	20	NA
Adequate.....	65	65	70	NA
Surplus.....	6	7	7	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	15	14	--	NA
Short	10	10	16	NA
Adequate.....	71	71	83	NA
Surplus.....	4	5	1	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	3	3	5	2
Poor	--	1	1	2
Fair	12	11	9	17
Good.....	44	45	37	47
Excellent.....	41	40	48	32
Barley				
Very poor	2	2	1	NA
Poor	--	--	3	NA
Fair	11	12	50	NA
Good.....	48	47	39	NA
Excellent.....	39	39	7	NA
Durum Wheat				
Very poor	1	1	--	NA
Poor	--	--	1	NA
Fair	7	7	6	NA
Good.....	33	33	73	NA
Excellent.....	59	59	20	NA
Pasture and Range				
Very poor	13	12	11	22
Poor	13	12	10	21
Fair	38	39	35	32
Good.....	32	33	42	22
Excellent.....	4	4	2	3
Winter Wheat				
Very poor	10	10	10	NA
Poor	--	--	19	NA
Fair	13	13	24	NA
Good.....	40	39	25	NA
Excellent.....	37	38	22	NA

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_04242016.pdf