

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2016

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Harvesting continued on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton squaring is at 90 percent, above last year at 89 percent and the 5-year average at 88 percent. Cotton setting bolls is at 50 percent, ahead of last year at 46 percent and the 5-year average at 51 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed melons, and watermelons last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, mixed melons, and watermelons last week. Rangeland conditions varied widely, depending on location but were rated mostly fair to good. In the northwest part of the State, forage and soil conditions are rapidly deteriorating. The continuous hot, breezy weather has depleted soil moisture and resulted in no new forage growth. Sahuarita recorded the least precipitation during the week at 0.01 inches while Bisbee reported the most at 0.56 inches. Yuma Valley year to date precipitation is at 125 percent of normal. The driest, at 33 percent of normal, is Sahuarita. The highest temperature during the week was 117 degrees reported at Bullhead City. The lowest temperature during the week was 38 degrees at Grand Canyon.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested .....	90	85	92	88
Cotton				
Squaring .....	90	85	89	88
Setting Bolls .....	50	40	46	51
Durum wheat				
Harvested .....	90	80	92	76
Winter wheat				
Mature .....	85	80	89	NA
Harvested .....	70	60	69	39

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	2	3	NA
Short .....	29	29	17	NA
Adequate .....	65	65	74	NA
Surplus .....	4	4	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	15	15	3	NA
Short .....	13	14	14	NA
Adequate .....	70	69	80	NA
Surplus .....	2	2	3	NA

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor .....	4	4	5	2
Poor.....	1	1	1	3
Fair .....	11	11	8	18
Good.....	51	50	40	43
Excellent .....	33	34	46	34
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor .....	4	5	3	1
Poor.....	1	--	--	1
Fair .....	4	3	15	15
Good.....	54	55	55	51
Excellent .....	37	37	27	32
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor .....	16	15	7	36
Poor.....	19	14	10	23
Fair .....	40	41	42	25
Good.....	22	27	39	15
Excellent .....	3	3	2	1

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[http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics\\_by\\_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop\\_Progress\\_&\\_Condition/2016/AZ\\_Weather\\_07172016.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2016/AZ_Weather_07172016.pdf)