

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 30, 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 two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Cotton defoliated was at 60 percent complete by week's end, just ahead of the previous year at 59 and ahead of the 5 year average at 48 percent. Cotton harvest was 45 percent complete, ahead of both last year at 39 and the 5 year average at 36 percent. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent last week. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens and parsley. In western Arizona, growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, green leaf lettuce, processed lettuce, romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. Rangeland conditions varied widely depending on location but were rated mostly good to fair. Continued warmer than normal temperatures were exacerbating the already dry conditions experienced in much of the State. Some scattered showers were experienced in the Northern part of the State helping to maintain but not improve soil moisture conditions. Pipe Springs year to date precipitation at 11.51 inches is the highest percent of normal in the State at 119 percent. The driest, at 43 percent of normal, was experienced at Parker. The highest temperature during the week was 101 degrees reported at Mesa. The lowest temperature during the week was 29 degrees at Springerville.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	60	50	59	48
Harvested.....	45	33	39	36

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	6.6	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	1	NA
Short.....	28	27	11	NA
Adequate.....	66	67	73	NA
Surplus.....	4	4	15	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	14	14	--	NA
Short.....	12	12	9	NA
Adequate.....	72	72	82	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	9	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	5	3
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair	22	22	17	22
Good.....	43	43	40	45
Excellent	30	30	35	26
Cotton				
Very poor	6	6	5	1
Poor.....	2	2	7	3
Fair	14	14	18	20
Good.....	50	50	39	49
Excellent	28	28	31	27
Pasture and range				
Very poor	10	10	8	24
Poor.....	12	12	9	15
Fair	33	33	35	29
Good.....	36	36	41	28
Excellent	9	9	7	4

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_10302016.pdf