

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JANUARY 8, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Barley and Durum Wheat planting was well on its way by weeks end, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on almost three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley planting was complete on 30 percent of the acreage last week, compared to 34 percent last year. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 25 percent complete, six percentage points ahead of last year. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, collard greens, cilantro, kale greens, green onions, parsley, radishes, and Swiss chard. In western Arizona, growers shipped anise, arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale greens, lettuce (Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, romaine and other), parsley, radicchio, spinach, and Swiss chard. Generally abundant precipitation has saturated the soil profile in many areas of the North Eastern part of the State and provided much needed stock tank water. Also, there should be enough precipitation in the ground to encourage growth on cool-season grasses this spring. Coolidge, Desert Ridge, and Heber reported the least precipitation at 0.01 inches while Flagstaff reported the most at 0.84 inches. Parker year to date precipitation is the highest percent of normal in the State, while Ajo is the driest. All but 15 of the 52 weather stations reported above normal temperatures last week. The highest temperature during the week was 83 degrees at Sahuarita. The lowest temperature during the week was zero degrees at Teec Nos Pos.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	30	25	34	NA
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	25	22	19	NA

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	6.5	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	1	1	NA
Short	26	30	10	NA
Adequate	67	65	75	NA
Surplus	6	4	14	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	14	14	1	NA
Short	10	14	9	NA
Adequate	72	70	81	NA
Surplus	4	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	4	NA
Poor	1	1	8	NA
Fair	27	22	20	NA
Good	40	46	40	NA
Excellent.....	28	27	28	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	9	22
Poor	12	13	9	14
Fair	35	36	34	32
Good	35	36	42	29
Excellent.....	8	5	6	3

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/2017/AZ_Weather_01082017.pdf