

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 19, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Barley and Durum Wheat planting was nearing completion by weeks end, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Barley planting was estimated at 95 percent complete, compared to 97 percent last year. Durum Wheat planting was estimated at 88 percent complete, compared to 94 percent last year. Durum Wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Last week, central Arizona growers shipped anise, beets, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage (green and red), carrots, cauliflower, cilantro, collard greens, kale greens, kohlrabi, green onions, parsley, 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. Pasture and range conditions were rated mostly good to fair. New forage is growing in many areas of the North Western part of the State. Recent light rains have spring annuals starting growth in the South Eastern part of the State, especially at the lower elevations in Graham and Greenlee counties. The highest precipitation reported during the week was 1.51 at Payson and the lowest was 0.03 at Heber. Teec Nos Pos year to date precipitation was the highest percent of normal in the State, while Heber was the driest. The highest temperature during the week was 82 degrees at Yuma. The lowest temperature during the week was 17 degrees at Grand Canyon. All but three weather stations reported above normal temperatures during the week.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted.....	95	90	97	89
Durum Wheat				
Planted.....	88	85	94	90

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 .....	1	1	1	NA
Short .....	23	25	15	NA
Adequate .....	71	68	65	NA
Surplus .....	5	6	19	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	14	13	7	NA
Short .....	9	10	9	NA
Adequate .....	74	73	78	NA
Surplus .....	3	4	6	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	3
Poor.....	1	1	2	7
Fair.....	32	23	15	24
Good.....	45	44	46	40
Excellent.....	22	28	33	26
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Poor.....	--	NA	NA	NA
Fair.....	7	NA	NA	NA
Good.....	83	NA	NA	NA
Excellent.....	10	NA	NA	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	10	10	10	21
Poor.....	12	11	8	17
Fair.....	26	33	36	34
Good.....	40	33	40	26
Excellent.....	12	13	6	2

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(--) – 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\\_02192017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_02192017.pdf)