

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Warm, dry, weather dominated the State, affording producers the opportunity to harvest their cotton during the week according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. By week's end, 43 percent of the crop had been harvested, compared with 48 percent last year and a 5-year average of 42 percent. In some Southeastern areas of the state, like Graham County, some of the cotton has not opened completely after defoliating, and yields were lower than expected. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent. With harvest occurring on approximately 72 percent of the alfalfa crop, the crop condition was reported as 82 percent good to excellent, compared with 72 percent last year and a 5-year average of 68 percent. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, green leaf lettuce, iceberg lettuce, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. Forage conditions have been dry and normal, but soil moisture and tank water levels have been declining in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Average temperatures ranged from normal to 11 degrees above normal. Overnight lows varied from 22 degrees at Grand Canyon to 61 degrees at Yuma MCAS. Daytime highs ranged from 61 degrees at Flagstaff to 96 degrees at Parker. Some precipitation was reported in Bisbee, Douglas, Nogales, and Paradise ranging from 0.11 to 0.17 inches. Teec Nos Pos, at 135 percent, continued to show the highest year-to-date precipitation percent of normal, while San Simon was the driest at 50 percent.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	75	69	64	58
Harvested.....	43	39	48	42

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	2	NA
Short.....	19	16	27	NA
Adequate .....	80	83	67	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	1	14	NA
Short.....	20	16	12	NA
Adequate .....	78	83	72	NA
Surplus .....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa</b>				
Very poor.....	--	1	4	5
Poor.....	2	7	1	5
Fair.....	16	19	23	22
Good.....	48	40	42	40
Excellent.....	34	33	30	28
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	6	2
Poor.....	3	3	2	3
Fair.....	20	19	14	23
Good.....	56	53	50	45
Excellent.....	20	24	28	27
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	3	1	10	22
Poor.....	24	16	13	12
Fair.....	44	45	32	29
Good.....	28	35	37	33
Excellent.....	1	3	8	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/2017/AZ\\_Weather\\_11052017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_11052017.pdf)