

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By week's end, 62 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 64 percent last year and a 5-year average of 62 percent, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent. Due to lack of river water in the Southeastern part of the State, most farmers are unable to plant small grains or alfalfa until after January. In Graham County most alfalfa growers have reported missing out on 2 normal cuttings due to lack of water. With harvest occurring on 60 percent of the alfalfa crop, the crop condition was reported as 67 percent good to excellent, compared with 72 percent last year. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, cauliflower, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale greens, iceberg lettuce, and parsley. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, Boston lettuce, green and red leaf lettuce, iceberg lettuce, mixed melons, Romaine lettuce, spinach, and Swiss chard. There are still some areas with dry forage but tank water levels and soil moisture have been depleted in the Northwestern part of the State. In general, Arizona pasture conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Average temperatures ranged from 1 to 13 degrees above normal. Overnight lows varied from 6 degrees at Window Rock to 61 degrees at Ajo. Daytime highs ranged from 60 degrees at Betatakin to 91 degrees at Ajo. Only five stations had some precipitation ranging from a low of 0.01 inches reported at Flagstaff to a high of 0.04 inches reported at Window Rock. Teec Nos Pos, at 130 percent, continued to show the highest year-to-date precipitation percent of normal, while San Simon was the driest at 49 percent.

Note: Next week's report on November 27, 2017 will be the final weekly crop progress report for 2017. NASS will switch Arizona to a monthly report format for December, January, and February. Next year's Arizona weekly report will begin in March 2018.

Monthly reports will be released for December on Tuesday, January 2, 2018; for January on Monday, January 29, 2018; for February on Monday, February 26, 2018; and for March on Monday, March 26, 2018.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	85	80	81	70
Harvested.....	62	50	64	62

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.....	4	4	2	NA
Short.....	30	25	29	NA
Adequate.....	66	71	65	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	2	14	NA
Short.....	31	27	13	NA
Adequate.....	65	69	71	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	2	NA

NA – not available

(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa				
Very poor.....	1	--	4	NA
Poor.....	7	5	1	NA
Fair.....	25	25	23	NA
Good.....	40	39	42	NA
Excellent.....	27	31	30	NA
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	4	8	NA
Poor.....	4	4	2	NA
Fair.....	16	11	14	NA
Good.....	56	65	48	NA
Excellent.....	22	16	28	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	3	10	22
Poor.....	20	15	14	13
Fair.....	48	43	33	30
Good.....	27	36	38	31
Excellent.....	--	3	5	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_11192017.pdf