

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26, 2017

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By week's end, 68 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 71 percent last year and a 5-year average of 69 percent, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton condition was rated mostly good to excellent. With harvest occurring on 67 percent of the alfalfa crop, the crop condition was reported as 75 percent good to excellent, compared with 73 percent last year. Last week, Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cantaloupes, cilantro, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, curly parsley, honeydews, kale greens, iceberg lettuce, plain parsley, red and green cabbage, and Romaine lettuce. Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, curly parsley, frisee, kale greens, Boston lettuce, green and red leaf lettuce, iceberg lettuce, mixed melons, plain parsley, radicchio, 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 poor. Average temperatures ranged from 4 to 14 degrees above normal. Overnight lows varied from 10 degrees at Window Rock to 54 degrees at Phoenix. Daytime highs ranged from 65 degrees at Betatakin to 95 degrees at Sahuarita. No precipitation was reported during the week. Teec Nos Pos, at 128 percent, continued to show the highest year-to-date precipitation percent of normal, while San Simon was the driest at 48 percent.

**Note:** This report concludes the 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; and for February on Monday, February 26, 2018.

Our thanks to the weekly reporters for providing crop progress observations during the 2017 season.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated.....	90	85	88	75
Harvested.....	68	62	71	69

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.....	10	4	2	NA
Short.....	33	30	28	NA
Adequate.....	57	66	66	NA
Surplus.....	--	--	4	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	10	4	14	NA
Short.....	34	31	12	NA
Adequate.....	56	65	72	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	4
Poor.....	5	7	1	4
Fair.....	20	25	22	22
Good.....	39	40	43	44
Excellent.....	36	27	30	26
Cotton				
Very poor.....	3	2	8	NA
Poor.....	5	4	2	NA
Fair.....	11	16	14	NA
Good.....	63	56	49	NA
Excellent.....	18	22	27	NA
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	5	10	18
Poor.....	27	20	14	15
Fair.....	48	48	34	30
Good.....	18	27	37	33
Excellent.....	--	--	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\\_11262017.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/AZ_Weather_11262017.pdf)