

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MAY 6, 2018

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of last week, cotton planting was 71 percent complete compared to 74 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty percent of the cotton planted has emerged compared with 44 percent last year. In Arizona, 95 percent of barley has headed compared with 79 percent last year, and 44 percent has matured compared with 32 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Ninety-eight percent of durum wheat has headed compared with 75 percent last year, and 38 percent has matured compared with 24 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. In central Arizona, growers shipped celery. In the Northeastern part of the State, conditions are dry and hot, feed is in short supply, and most producers are hauling water. In the East Central part of the State, fire continues to be a big threat to producers, specifically those with US Forest Permits which is a large majority of Gila County. In the North Central part of the State, a wide swath of precipitation touched most of the area this week. It was only enough to prevent further deterioration, and certainly not sufficient for any type of drought remediation. There have been recent incidents of livestock dying after getting stuck in the mud of depleted water holes. In the Northwestern part of the State, many ranchers report selling off portions of their herd due to a lack of forage and water. In the Southeastern part of the State, reports indicated very dry conditions, but crops were still in good shape. Most stocks tanks are bone dry, and some ranchers are selling off their older cattle. The Rattlesnake fire in northern Greenlee is still active at this time. For the week ending on May 6<sup>th</sup>, 14 of the 46 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Coolidge reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Kayenta reported the most at 0.96 inches. Thirty-two of the 46 reporting weather stations reported below normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 108 degrees at Roll and the lowest was 26 degrees at Heber.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed .....	95	90	79	NA
Mature .....	44	38	32	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	71	52	74	80
Emerged .....	50	26	44	NA
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	98	90	75	NA
Mature .....	38	26	24	NA

NA – not available

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**DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION**

	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.....	3	5	--	NA
Short.....	16	10	16	NA
Adequate.....	78	85	78	NA
Surplus.....	3	--	6	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	3	5	3	NA
Short.....	18	10	6	NA
Adequate.....	76	85	87	NA
Surplus.....	3	--	4	NA

NA – not available

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

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	2	3
Poor.....	1	2	3	2
Fair.....	13	15	27	18
Good.....	60	55	36	40
Excellent.....	26	28	32	37
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	3	1
Poor.....	3	5	3	1
Fair.....	39	41	20	25
Good.....	38	39	54	46
Excellent.....	20	15	20	27
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	4	--	--
Fair.....	22	23	6	11
Good.....	33	38	77	59
Excellent.....	44	35	17	30
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	53	44	11	19
Poor.....	42	43	14	19
Fair.....	4	8	25	31
Good.....	1	5	36	27
Excellent.....	--	--	14	4

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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/2018/AZ-Weather-05062018.pdf](http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-05062018.pdf)

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