

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 10, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, cotton planting was 15 percent complete compared to 8 percent last year. Eighty-three percent of barley has been planted compared with 97 percent last year, 75 percent has emerged compared with 88 percent last year, and 10 percent has headed compared with 21 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Ninety-eight percent of Durum wheat has been planted compared with 93 percent last year, 84 percent has emerged compared with 85 percent last year, and 4 percent has headed compared with 5 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to fair, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Snow pack remains at high elevations and cool season flowering plants are in active growth in the Northeastern part of the State. Spring calving is taking place and some precipitation remains in the long-term forecast. In the Northwestern part of the state, soil moisture is abundant and free running water has been creating adequate soil conditions for new forage growth. In the South Central part of the State, some cotton growers are still waiting for ideal soil conditions to start planting.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Planted	83	75	97	NA
Emerged	75	62	88	68
Headed	10	2	21	NA
Cotton				
Planted	15	7	8	3
Durum wheat				
Planted	98	91	93	NA
Emerged	84	65	85	NA
Headed	4	1	5	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	6.7	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	--	4	1
Short	5	6	16	27
Adequate	89	85	77	66
Surplus	6	9	3	6
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	3	6
Short	6	6	15	20
Adequate	90	90	79	70
Surplus	4	4	3	4

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	1	--	3
Poor.....	1	5	--	4
Fair.....	23	25	9	20
Good	68	59	79	48
Excellent	8	10	12	25
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	14	10	52	38
Good	83	83	46	46
Excellent	3	7	1	14
Durum wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	1	1	--
Fair.....	6	7	16	10
Good	86	84	77	64
Excellent	7	8	6	26
Pasture and range				
Very poor	5	5	24	20
Poor.....	12	12	42	18
Fair.....	38	47	24	29
Good	36	27	10	28
Excellent	9	9	--	5

NA – not available

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