

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 31, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, cotton planting was 26 percent complete, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-four percent of barley has emerged, and 39 percent has headed compared with 41 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Twenty-five percent of Durum wheat has headed compared with 37 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 good to fair. Spring calving is underway in the Northeastern part of the State. Some cool season grasses are beginning to green at lower elevations and snowpack remains at higher elevation forest allotments. In the North Central part of the State, increasing temperatures have been improving forage conditions. In the Northwestern part of the State, drier and warmer conditions are leading to an abundance of new forage. South Central and Southeastern cotton producers have started planting or pre-irrigating the land before planting.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged .....	94	89	NA	NA
Headed .....	39	21	41	NA
Cotton				
Planted .....	26	24	23	20
Durum wheat				
Headed .....	25	14	37	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	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	--	--	5	2
Short .....	6	6	18	24
Adequate .....	84	88	77	67
Surplus .....	10	6	--	7
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	--	--	5	6
Short .....	6	6	15	16
Adequate .....	86	88	80	74
Surplus .....	8	6	--	4

NA – not available

(--) – zero

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

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	3
Poor.....	5	1	5	3
Fair.....	24	17	16	19
Good .....	57	66	52	44
Excellent .....	14	16	27	31
Barley				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	1	2	6	3
Fair.....	16	11	36	32
Good .....	75	84	44	48
Excellent .....	8	3	14	16
Durum wheat				
Very poor .....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	1	4	1
Fair.....	15	6	20	11
Good .....	78	86	51	56
Excellent .....	5	7	25	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	3	--	30	15
Poor.....	7	5	42	21
Fair.....	28	37	20	31
Good .....	56	54	8	29
Excellent .....	6	4	--	4

NA – not available

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