

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 1, 2019

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 61 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 62 percent last year and 14 percent had been defoliated compared to 13 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to fair. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were mostly rated fair to poor. In the north central and northwestern part of the State, range and soil conditions are poor due to dry weather. In the southwestern part of the State, farmers have started harvesting cotton, while rainfall has improved crop conditions in the south central part of the State.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening .....	61	50	62	60
Defoliated .....	14	9	13	11

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

### DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork .....	6.6	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	2	--	1
Short.....	14	17	18	17
Adequate .....	86	80	80	78
Surplus .....	--	1	2	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	2	--	4
Short.....	17	19	17	15
Adequate .....	83	79	81	79
Surplus .....	--	--	2	2

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.....	12	9	15	7
Fair.....	20	25	22	19
Good .....	42	48	38	39
Excellent .....	26	18	25	32
Cotton				
Very poor .....	--	--	3	3
Poor.....	6	11	4	2
Fair.....	24	33	38	16
Good .....	51	46	42	50
Excellent .....	19	10	13	29
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	2	5	38	15
Poor.....	33	34	26	13
Fair.....	50	41	20	28
Good .....	14	19	14	34
Excellent .....	1	1	2	10

NA – not available

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