

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 15, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 90 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage compared with 85 percent last year, 21 percent had been defoliated compared to 23 percent last year, and 5 percent had been harvested compared with 13 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. 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 poor to fair. In the northeastern, north central, and northwestern parts of the State, dry weather and poor soil conditions have affected forage growth. Scattered showers were seen in limited areas, but not enough to alleviate drought conditions. Some areas of the southeastern part of the State have had some rain and green up in forage. The south central part of the State is also very short on rainfall which is affecting crop conditions and progress.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls Opening	90	68	85	79
Defoliated	21	19	23	23
Harvested	5	2	13	9

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	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	2	2	--	--
Short.....	25	20	17	19
Adequate	72	77	82	78
Surplus	1	1	1	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	2	2	--	4
Short.....	26	24	16	16
Adequate	72	74	83	78
Surplus	--	--	1	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	--	--	--	4
Poor.....	7	9	4	4
Fair.....	17	23	14	17
Good	54	51	54	44
Excellent	22	17	28	31
Cotton				
Very poor	--	--	1	2
Poor.....	11	11	2	2
Fair.....	41	33	55	19
Good	39	45	34	47
Excellent	9	11	8	30
Pasture and range				
Very poor	9	6	32	16
Poor.....	44	35	33	14
Fair.....	37	42	15	27
Good	10	17	13	32
Excellent	--	--	7	11

NA – not available

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