

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 13, 2019

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 55 percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared to 49 percent last year, and 22 percent had been harvested compared with 26 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 fair, depending on location last week with harvest taking place on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Pasture and range conditions were mostly rated poor to good. In the northeastern part of the State, the first freeze of the year occurred and affected range conditions. In the north central and northwestern part of the State, the increase of windy and drought conditions has been diminishing forage growth.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton | | _ | | _ |
| Defoliated | 55 | 37 | 49 | 46 |
| Harvested | 22 | 17 | 26 | 25 |

(--) – 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 | 6.0 | 6.8 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short | 1 | | | 1 |
| Short | 20 | 21 | 4 | 20 |
| Adequate | 79 | 79 | 88 | 75 |
| Surplus | | | 8 | 4 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short | 1 | | | 5 |
| Short | 20 | 20 | 4 | 16 |
| Adequate | 79 | 80 | 89 | 76 |
| Surplus | | | 7 | 3 |

NA – not available

(--) - zero

| CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION | | | | | | |
|--|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--|--|
| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average | | |
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | | |
| Alfalfa hay | | | | | | |
| Very poor | | | | 3 | | |
| Poor | 6 | 6 | 2 | 3 | | |
| Fair | 20 | 15 | 16 | 18 | | |
| Good | 55 | 56 | 52 | 43 | | |
| Excellent | 19 | 23 | 30 | 33 | | |
| Cotton | | | | | | |
| Very poor | | | 1 | 3 | | |
| Poor | 12 | 9 | 11 | 4 | | |
| Fair | 39 | 30 | 27 | 16 | | |
| Good | 41 | 50 | 51 | 51 | | |
| Excellent | 8 | 11 | 10 | 26 | | |
| Pasture and range | | | | | | |
| Very poor | 20 | 13 | 32 | 13 | | |
| Poor | 43 | 40 | 41 | 17 | | |
| Fair | 22 | 29 | 11 | 30 | | |
| Good | 15 | 18 | 12 | 34 | | |
| Excellent | | | 4 | 6 | | |

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