

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 3, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By April 3, 98 percent of the barley crop had emerged and 72 percent had headed, compared with 63 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty-eight percent of the Durum wheat crop had headed compared with 39 percent last year. Producers had planted 11 percent of the cotton crop compared with 25 percent last year, and 2 percent had emerged. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good, depending on location last week, with harvest 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 poor to fair. By March 29, 2022, moderate dryness was reported in 75 percent of the State based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. Some extreme dryness was noted in the northeastern and northwestern part of the State, affecting pasture and range conditions. Considerable precipitation was reported in the central part of the State. In the northeastern part of the State, alfalfa fields were improving. Crop farmers continue preparing the land to start planting. Forage growth has not improved as expected due to the lack of moisture, and range conditions have remained poor. In the southeastern part of the State, cotton producers have been pre-irrigating land and ranchers have been hauling water and feed. Range conditions have been also affected due to low precipitation rates. Lower temperatures were reported in the north central and northeastern part of the State, with temperatures below 45 degrees Fahrenheit.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	98	93	NA	NA
Headed.....	72	60	63	51
Cotton				
Planted .....	11	6	25	24
Emerged.....	2	NA	NA	NA
Durum wheat				
Headed.....	58	44	39	38

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.....	6.7	7.0	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	14	17	4	2
Short.....	18	15	23	16
Adequate .....	68	68	73	77
Surplus .....	--	--	--	5
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	14	16	2	4
Short.....	15	10	12	11
Adequate .....	71	74	86	81
Surplus .....	--	--	--	4

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	2
Fair.....	6	7	17	20
Good.....	33	31	36	47
Excellent.....	61	62	46	31
<b>Barley</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	--	1
Fair.....	9	10	18	23
Good.....	53	52	59	62
Excellent.....	35	35	23	14
<b>Durum wheat</b>				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	4	4	3	8
Good.....	27	27	50	61
Excellent.....	67	67	47	30
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	13	15	80	27
Poor.....	54	61	12	19
Fair.....	23	18	3	20
Good.....	10	6	5	29
Excellent.....	--	--	--	5

NA – not available

(--) – zero