

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 17, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By July 17, 81 percent of the cotton crop has reached the setting bolls stage, compared with 70 percent last year, and 9 percent has reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 4 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. 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. Across Arizona, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly poor to fair. By July 12, 2022, severe dryness remained over 67 percent of the State based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. Some heavy rains were reported in the north central part of the State, where over one and a half inches of precipitation was received. In the south-central part of the State, some precipitation has been reported, but not enough to improve soil moisture conditions. In the northeastern part of the State, heavy rains caused flash flooding which affected crop conditions. Ranchers were still hauling water and providing supplemental feed to livestock. In the northwestern part of the State, the heat has caused stress to the alfalfa crop. High temperatures over 105 degrees Fahrenheit were reported. In the southwestern part of the State, spotty rains have not helped enough to improve forage growth.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	81	59	70	56
Bolls opening.....	9	4	4	6

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	6.1	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	17	20	--	3
Short .....	20	23	5	9
Adequate .....	62	57	86	84
Surplus .....	1	--	9	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	16	17	--	3
Short .....	18	21	4	8
Adequate .....	65	62	88	86
Surplus .....	1	--	8	3

NA – not available  
 (–) – zero

**CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	6
Fair.....	11	13	11	19
Good.....	42	34	31	39
Excellent.....	47	53	56	36
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	3
Fair.....	15	20	19	24
Good.....	57	49	57	58
Excellent.....	28	31	20	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	22	31	78	37
Poor.....	33	41	10	20
Fair.....	31	24	9	25
Good.....	12	4	3	17
Excellent.....	2	--	--	1

NA – not available

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