



ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS

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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 8, 2020

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of this week, 91 percent of Durum wheat has been planted compared with 96 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-five percent has emerged compared with 79 percent last year, and 11 percent has headed compared with 3 percent last year. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Eighty-one percent of barley has been planted compared with 81 percent last year, 79 percent has emerged compared with 71 percent last year, and 24 percent has headed compared with 8 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good. Six percent of cotton has been planted compared with 13 percent last year. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. For the entire State, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair. In the north central part of the State, adequate soil moisture has been helping to improve forage growth, but in some areas in the northwestern and northeastern part of the State, soil moisture is still short due to drought. In the southeastern part of the State, forage growth has also improved. Average high temperatures in Arizona during the last week were in the low 70 degrees Fahrenheit.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Barley				
Planted	81	71	81	NA
Emerged	79	69	71	74
Headed	24	20	8	NA
Cotton				
Planted	6	--	13	5
Durum wheat				
Planted	91	77	96	NA
Emerged	85	71	79	83
Headed	11	7	3	NA

NA – not available

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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	--	--	--	1
Short	5	4	5	19
Adequate	95	96	89	72
Surplus	--	--	6	8
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	--	--	6
Short	5	6	6	12
Adequate	95	94	90	77
Surplus	--	--	4	5

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	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	--	--	1	3
Fair.....	15	19	23	20
Good	50	41	68	54
Excellent	35	40	8	21
Barley				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	9	--	--	1
Fair.....	15	24	14	38
Good	49	48	83	49
Excellent	27	28	3	11
Durum wheat				
Very poor	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	1	1
Fair.....	2	11	6	12
Good	50	50	86	71
Excellent	48	39	7	16
Pasture and range				
Very poor	1	1	5	13
Poor.....	22	18	12	17
Fair.....	58	50	38	32
Good	19	28	36	32
Excellent	--	3	9	6

NA – not available

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