ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 21, 2021 (Revised)

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 21 percent of Durum wheat has headed compared with 28 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Durum wheat conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Ninety-five percent of barley has emerged compared with 87 percent last year, and 45 percent has headed compared with 42 percent last year. Barley conditions were rated mostly good to excellent. Ten percent of cotton has been planted compared with 12 percent last year. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly excellent to good 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 very poor to poor. Moderate to exceptional dryness in the entire state continue to affect pasture and range conditions and forage growth. The north central and the southeastern part of the state received the most precipitation last week, but it was still not enough to improve pasture and range conditions. The southwestern part of the state recorded the highest temperatures during the week while the north central part of the state recorded the lowest temperatures.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS Commodity Current week Previous week Previous year 5-year average (percent) (percent) (percent) (percent) Barley Emerged 95 90 87 NA Headed 45 37 42 NA *10 *3 Planted 12 13 Durum wheat 21 28 Headed 16 NA

NA – not available

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* - revised

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	5.2	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	4	2		1
Short	25	34	2	13
Adequate	71	64	89	77
Surplus			9	9
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	2	3		6
Short	15	23	3	7
Adequate	83	74	89	80
Surplus			8	7

NA - not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay	•		•	
Very poor				1
Poor	1	1	9	3
Fair	13	16	13	18
Good	36	35	36	51
Excellent	50	48	42	27
Barley				
Very poor				1
Poor				1
Fair	18	27	16	19
Good	62	61	54	59
Excellent	20	12	30	20
Durum wheat				
Very poor				
Poor				1
Fair	4	4	3	8
Good	67	76	32	59
Excellent	29	20	65	32
Pasture and range				
Very poor	73	75	2	10
Poor	15	14	16	16
Fair	6	5	49	34
Good	6	6	28	34
Excellent			5	6

NA – not available

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