

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 18, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 99 percent of the cotton crop had squared compared to 100 percent last year, 72 percent has reached the setting bolls stage compared to 71 percent last year, and 5 percent has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 11 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 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. Moderate to exceptional drought covers 99 percent of the state, according to the United States Drought Monitor, and continues to affect pasture and range conditions and forage growth. In the north central and northwestern part of the state, monsoon rains have been filling stock tanks and bringing some soil moisture improvement. In the southeastern part of the state, some rainfall was reported, but not enough to improve forage growth. Monsoon rains have been more consistent in the south central part of the state and have helped improve crop conditions.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Squaring.....	99	97	100	94
Setting Bolls.....	72	57	71	55
Bolls Opening.....	5	1	11	6

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	6.1	7.0	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	13	3
Short.....	5	11	14	13
Adequate	86	89	73	81
Surplus	9	--	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	14	6
Short.....	4	13	12	10
Adequate	88	87	74	82
Surplus	8	--	--	2

NA – not available

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CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	--	5
Fair.....	11	19	17	19
Good	31	32	37	43
Excellent	56	47	46	32
Cotton				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	3	5	--	3
Fair.....	19	16	4	21
Good	57	59	66	57
Excellent	20	19	30	18
Pasture and range				
Very poor	78	71	11	25
Poor.....	10	7	25	22
Fair.....	9	16	39	31
Good	3	6	25	20
Excellent	--	--	--	2

NA – not available

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