

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 22, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 54 percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 67 percent last year, and 1 percent had been defoliated compared with 3 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 to fair. In the north central and northwestern part of the state, monsoon rains have helped improve forage growth and stock tanks have been filling again. In the south central and southeastern part of the state, heavy monsoon rains have helped improve soil and drought conditions. In the southwestern part of the state, the cotton crop harvesting season has started.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening	54	37	67	50
Defoliated	1	--	3	3

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	6.0	5.2	6.7	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	13	3
Short.....	--	--	10	15
Adequate	94	85	77	81
Surplus	6	15	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	13	6
Short.....	--	--	10	11
Adequate	96	87	77	82
Surplus	4	13	--	1

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	4	13	--	5
Fair.....	16	22	23	21
Good	27	19	40	43
Excellent	55	46	37	29
Cotton				
Very poor	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	3	4	--	3
Fair.....	18	13	5	21
Good	42	51	66	52
Excellent	36	31	29	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor	33	42	24	19
Poor.....	18	15	36	24
Fair.....	28	25	32	28
Good	10	5	8	22
Excellent	11	13	--	7

NA – not available

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