

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 5, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Eighty-eight percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 91 percent last year, and 32 percent of the crop had been defoliated compared to 17 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-eight percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Seventy-six percent of the alfalfa crop was rated good to excellent. Pasture and range conditions improved significantly from the previous week. Abundant rains were received in portions of the state which benefited forage growth and stock tanks. Some areas received over three inches of moisture on September 1, while other areas were still suffering from the drought. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of August 31, 2021, extreme to exceptional drought still covers 16.50 percent of the state.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity           | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Cotton              |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Bolls opening ..... | 88                        | 77                         | 91                         | 73                          |
| Defoliated .....    | 32                        | 9                          | 17                         | 17                          |
| Harvested .....     | 3                         | NA                         | 1                          | 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 ..... | 6.2          | 6.7           | 7.0           | 7.0            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short .....                  | --           | --            | 17            | 4              |
| Short .....                       | 6            | 6             | 6             | 14             |
| Adequate .....                    | 89           | 94            | 77            | 80             |
| Surplus .....                     | 5            | --            | --            | 2              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short .....                  | --           | --            | 17            | 6              |
| Short .....                       | 6            | 6             | 6             | 12             |
| Adequate .....                    | 89           | 94            | 77            | 81             |
| Surplus .....                     | 5            | --            | --            | 1              |

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 (--) – zero

**CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

| Commodity                | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Alfalfa hay</b>       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....          | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Poor.....                | 10                        | 6                          | --                         | 5                           |
| Fair.....                | 14                        | 14                         | 16                         | 19                          |
| Good .....               | 30                        | 35                         | 47                         | 45                          |
| Excellent .....          | 46                        | 45                         | 37                         | 30                          |
| <b>Cotton</b>            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....          | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Poor.....                | 3                         | 3                          | --                         | 4                           |
| Fair.....                | 9                         | 18                         | 4                          | 20                          |
| Good .....               | 53                        | 51                         | 65                         | 52                          |
| Excellent .....          | 35                        | 28                         | 31                         | 23                          |
| <b>Pasture and range</b> |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....          | 5                         | 19                         | 32                         | 17                          |
| Poor.....                | 8                         | 13                         | 39                         | 24                          |
| Fair.....                | 46                        | 37                         | 26                         | 29                          |
| Good .....               | 29                        | 24                         | 3                          | 23                          |
| Excellent .....          | 12                        | 7                          | --                         | 7                           |

NA – not available

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