

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Ninety-three percent of the cotton crop has reached the bolls opening stage compared to 95 percent last year, 36 percent of the crop had been defoliated compared to 23 percent last year, and 8 percent had been harvested compared with 6 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-seven percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Seventy-eight percent of the alfalfa crop was rated good to excellent depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Eighty-six percent of the pasture and range was rated fair to good. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of September 7, 2021, severe to exceptional drought still covers 40.02 percent of the state. Beneficial precipitation was reported in the southeastern, south central, and north central part of the state. Higher temperatures were concentrated in the west side of the state. Forage growth and pasture and range condition improvement was seen all around the state.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity           | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|---------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
|                     | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Cotton              |              |               |               |                |
| Bolls opening ..... | 93           | 88            | 95            | 83             |
| Defoliated .....    | 36           | 32            | 23            | 21             |
| Harvested .....     | 8            | 3             | 6             | 8              |

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          | 6.2           | 7.0           | 7.0            |
| Topsoil moisture                  | (percent)    | (percent)     | (percent)     | (percent)      |
| Very short.....                   | --           | --            | 18            | 4              |
| Short.....                        | 6            | 6             | 12            | 18             |
| Adequate .....                    | 93           | 89            | 70            | 77             |
| Surplus .....                     | 1            | 5             | --            | 1              |
| Subsoil moisture                  |              |               |               |                |
| Very short.....                   | --           | --            | 18            | 7              |
| Short.....                        | 5            | 6             | 11            | 15             |
| Adequate .....                    | 94           | 89            | 71            | 77             |
| Surplus .....                     | 1            | 5             | --            | 1              |

NA – not available

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

| Commodity         | Current week<br>(percent) | Previous week<br>(percent) | Previous year<br>(percent) | 5-year average<br>(percent) |
|-------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Alfalfa hay       |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....   | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Poor.....         | 6                         | 10                         | --                         | 4                           |
| Fair.....         | 16                        | 14                         | 10                         | 15                          |
| Good .....        | 39                        | 30                         | 44                         | 48                          |
| Excellent .....   | 39                        | 46                         | 46                         | 32                          |
| Cotton            |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....   | --                        | --                         | --                         | 1                           |
| Poor.....         | 4                         | 3                          | --                         | 3                           |
| Fair.....         | 9                         | 9                          | 8                          | 24                          |
| Good .....        | 52                        | 53                         | 56                         | 48                          |
| Excellent .....   | 35                        | 35                         | 36                         | 24                          |
| Pasture and range |                           |                            |                            |                             |
| Very poor .....   | 1                         | 5                          | 23                         | 18                          |
| Poor.....         | 3                         | 8                          | 40                         | 27                          |
| Fair.....         | 48                        | 46                         | 34                         | 28                          |
| Good .....        | 38                        | 29                         | 3                          | 19                          |
| Excellent .....   | 10                        | 12                         | --                         | 8                           |

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