

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 3, 2021

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: Fifty-eight percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared to 49 percent last year, and 19 percent had been harvested compared with 19 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Eighty-four percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Eighty-seven percent of the alfalfa crop was rated excellent to good depending on location last week, with harvesting taking place on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the state. Seventy-nine percent of the pasture and range was rated good to fair. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of September 28, 2021, severe to exceptional drought covers 40.02 percent of the state. In the eastern part of the state, lower overnight temperatures have affected forage growth. Rainfall was reported in the central and south eastern part of the state. Higher temperatures were concentrated in the southwestern part of the state.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

| Commodity | Current week | Previous week | Previous year | 5-year average |
|------------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Defoliated | 58 | 49 | 49 | 39 |
| Harvested | 19 | 14 | 19 | 19 |

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 | 6.7 | 7.0 | 7.0 | 6.7 |
| Topsoil moisture | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) | (percent) |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 16 | 3 |
| Short..... | 11 | 13 | 13 | 17 |
| Adequate | 89 | 87 | 71 | 78 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Subsoil moisture | | | | |
| Very short..... | -- | -- | 16 | 6 |
| Short..... | 11 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| Adequate | 89 | 89 | 72 | 78 |
| Surplus | -- | -- | -- | 2 |

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 | -- | -- | -- | 1 |
| Poor..... | 1 | 2 | -- | 2 |
| Fair..... | 12 | 12 | 15 | 17 |
| Good | 27 | 31 | 43 | 48 |
| Excellent | 60 | 55 | 42 | 32 |
| Cotton | | | | |
| Very poor | -- | -- | -- | 2 |
| Poor..... | 5 | 3 | -- | 5 |
| Fair..... | 11 | 17 | 4 | 18 |
| Good | 48 | 53 | 65 | 56 |
| Excellent | 36 | 27 | 31 | 19 |
| Pasture and range | | | | |
| Very poor | 1 | 2 | 14 | 15 |
| Poor..... | 4 | 5 | 26 | 24 |
| Fair..... | 34 | 32 | 42 | 32 |
| Good | 45 | 54 | 18 | 25 |
| Excellent | 16 | 7 | -- | 4 |

NA – not available

(--) – zero