

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 17, 2021

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** Seventy-two percent of the cotton crop had been defoliated compared to 69 percent last year, and 31 percent had been harvested compared with 26 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Sixty-five percent of the cotton crop was rated good to excellent. Ninety 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 October 12, 2021, severe to exceptional drought covers 34.42 percent of the state. Rainfall was reported in the north central and eastern part of the state. Lower temperatures were concentrated in the northeastern part of the state.

### CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Defoliated .....	72	69	69	56
Harvested .....	31	28	26	27

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 .....	7.0	6.9	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	--	17	4
Short.....	6	14	19	18
Adequate .....	94	86	64	74
Surplus .....	--	--	--	4
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	--	--	17	6
Short.....	5	14	19	14
Adequate .....	95	86	64	76
Surplus .....	--	--	--	4

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.....	--	1	--	4
Fair.....	10	12	7	18
Good .....	35	26	38	43
Excellent .....	55	61	55	33
Cotton				
Very poor .....	7	1	--	2
Poor.....	12	5	--	5
Fair.....	16	11	8	21
Good .....	39	48	47	49
Excellent .....	26	35	45	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor .....	1	4	14	15
Poor.....	4	10	28	26
Fair.....	34	25	45	30
Good .....	45	36	11	25
Excellent .....	16	25	2	4

NA – not available

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