

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 21, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By August 21, 95 percent of the cotton crop had reached the setting bolls stage, compared with 100 percent last year, and 34 percent had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 52 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 harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Severe dryness remained over 33 percent of the State, compared to 55 percent last week, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. Heavy rains were reported in the central, southwestern, and eastern part of the State, where in some areas, over five and a half inches of precipitation was received. In the northwestern part of the State, adequate soil moisture conditions have improved alfalfa, grass hay, sweet corn, and specialty crop conditions. Rains caused flash flooding in some areas. In the western part of the State, Tier 2 water reductions have affected forage growth, and alfalfa and cotton crop progress. In the north central part of the State, low temperatures below 65 degrees Fahrenheit were reported, and high temperatures over 100 degrees Fahrenheit were reported in the western part of the State.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	95	92	100	98
Bolls opening.....	34	29	52	49

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.....	4.8	6.3	6.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	16	--	3
Short	6	15	--	9
Adequate	76	69	94	86
Surplus	9	--	6	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	9	16	--	3
Short	8	17	--	9
Adequate	74	67	96	87
Surplus	9	--	4	1

NA – not available
 (–) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	6	--	--	1
Poor.....	8	4	4	6
Fair.....	16	14	16	22
Good.....	30	28	27	39
Excellent.....	40	54	53	32
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	1	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	4
Fair.....	17	18	18	23
Good.....	46	45	42	50
Excellent.....	35	35	36	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	8	10	33	23
Poor.....	17	24	18	24
Fair.....	45	51	28	27
Good.....	23	14	10	18
Excellent.....	7	1	11	8

NA – not available

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