

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING AUGUST 28, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By August 28, 97 percent of the cotton crop had reached the setting bolls stage, compared with 100 percent last year, and 55 percent had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 74 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 also 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 drought remained over 29 percent of the State, compared to 34 percent last week, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. In the western part of the state, operators continue to reduce water usage to conserve irrigation water needed for the upcoming planting season. Monsoon rains have improved irrigation supplies in some areas but has affected hay harvested in other areas. In the southern part of the state, rains have improved pasture conditions.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Setting bolls.....	97	95	100	99
Bolls opening.....	55	34	74	66

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.....	6.6	4.8	6.7	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	13	9	--	3
Short.....	2	6	6	9
Adequate	77	76	94	88
Surplus	8	9	--	--
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	13	9	--	3
Short.....	3	8	6	9
Adequate	79	74	94	88
Surplus	5	9	--	--

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.....	9	6	--	--
Poor.....	4	8	6	9
Fair.....	8	16	14	21
Good.....	35	30	35	38
Excellent.....	44	40	45	32
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	--	1
Poor.....	1	1	3	3
Fair.....	10	17	18	19
Good.....	48	46	51	55
Excellent.....	40	35	28	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	1	8	19	18
Poor.....	11	17	13	23
Fair.....	45	45	37	32
Good.....	28	23	24	20
Excellent.....	15	7	7	7

NA – not available

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