

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 2, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By October 3, 86 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 98 percent last year, and 21 percent had been harvested, compared with 18 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Cotton conditions were rated mostly excellent to good. 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. Slow to moderate trading in the hay market over the last week was reported as hay production has been picking back up, and demand was still good for higher quality alfalfa hay. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Severe drought remained over 18.5 percent of the State compared with 25 percent last week. There were no areas of extreme or exceptional drought, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. In the northeastern part of the State, spotty rains have helped to improve soil and rangeland conditions. Other specialty and fall crops such as pumpkins and watermelons, and forage corn are ready for harvest. Most federal grazing permits are ending, and ranchers have been moving their herds to private or state pastures. An extended monsoon season has kept improving forage growth and range conditions in the south-central part of the State. In the southeastern part of the State, over 1.5 inches of precipitation was reported. In the north central and eastern part of the state, low temperatures below 60 degrees Fahrenheit were reported.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	86	79	98	98
Harvested.....	21	15	18	19

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	5.5	6.7	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	10	9	--	3
Short.....	1	5	11	13
Adequate	87	84	89	83
Surplus	2	2	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	8	--	3
Short.....	1	5	11	13
Adequate	87	81	89	83
Surplus	4	6	--	1

NA – not available

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CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	11	7	--	--
Poor.....	3	3	1	2
Fair.....	5	12	12	15
Good.....	30	36	27	45
Excellent.....	51	42	60	38
Cotton				
Very poor.....	2	1	--	1
Poor.....	--	1	5	6
Fair.....	4	13	11	17
Good.....	46	46	48	55
Excellent.....	48	39	36	21
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	2	2	1	13
Poor.....	4	7	4	22
Fair.....	35	37	34	32
Good.....	31	35	45	27
Excellent.....	28	19	16	6

NA – not available

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