

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 9, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By October 9, 99 percent of the cotton crop had reached the bolls opening stage, compared with 100 percent last year, and 24 percent had been harvested, compared with 27 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. Yields were being reported as average to below average. A slower trading week for hay was reported due to rains and high humidity. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Rain fall was reported throughout the eastern and southern part of the State. Severe drought remained over 18.3 percent of the State compared with 18.5 percent last week. There were no areas of extreme or exceptional drought, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. Monsoonal rains continue in the south-central part of the State and some isolated hailstorms were also reported. Harvest of specialty crops is winding down for the season.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Bolls opening.....	99	86	100	99
Harvested.....	24	21	27	23

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	6.9	6.8
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	7	10	--	4
Short	2	1	14	15
Adequate	90	87	86	79
Surplus	1	2	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	6	8	--	5
Short	2	1	14	15
Adequate	89	87	86	79
Surplus	3	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.....	5	11	--	--
Poor.....	5	3	1	3
Fair.....	12	5	12	14
Good.....	32	30	26	42
Excellent.....	46	51	61	41
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	2	1	1
Poor.....	--	--	5	6
Fair.....	7	4	11	19
Good.....	42	46	48	52
Excellent.....	50	48	35	22
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	2	4	12
Poor.....	8	4	10	26
Fair.....	39	35	25	30
Good.....	23	31	36	25
Excellent.....	25	28	25	7

NA – not available

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