

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 16, 2022

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By October 16, 33 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 31 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. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Range conditions have declined and forage growth has been affected, mostly in the northeastern part of the State. Rainfall was reported throughout the eastern and southern part of the State. Severe drought remained over 18.4 percent of the State compared with 18.3 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. Livestock have been moved from federal grazing land to private or permitted land in the northeastern part of the State. The lowest temperatures were reported in the north central part of the State, but were still over 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Cotton Harvested.....	33	24	31	26

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.....	6.3	6.7	7.0	6.7
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	9	7	--	4
Short	2	2	6	14
Adequate	84	90	94	79
Surplus	5	1	--	3
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	8	6	--	4
Short	3	2	5	13
Adequate	87	89	95	80
Surplus	2	3	--	3

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.....	4	5	--	1
Poor.....	5	5	--	4
Fair.....	10	12	10	15
Good.....	29	32	35	42
Excellent.....	52	46	55	38
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	1	7	2
Poor.....	--	--	12	7
Fair.....	--	7	16	21
Good.....	40	42	39	47
Excellent.....	59	50	26	23
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	4	5	1	13
Poor.....	4	8	4	24
Fair.....	45	39	34	30
Good.....	25	23	45	27
Excellent.....	22	25	16	6

NA – not available

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