

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 23, 2022

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By October 23, 38 percent of the cotton crop had been harvested, compared with 36 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. Unexpected rains have delayed harvesting progress in the southeastern part of the State. 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 trading in the hay market over the last week was reported as hay production has been hampered by additional precipitation. Reports from northeast noted that the other and alfalfa harvests were wrapping up for the year due to weather conditions. Statewide, pasture and range conditions were rated mostly fair to good. In portions of the northeast, range conditions have declined due to frost. The vegetable and specialty crops harvests have also been wrapped up for growing season. Severe drought remained over 12.8 percent of the State compared with 18.4 percent last week. There were no areas of extreme or exceptional drought, based on the U.S. Drought Monitor's indications. Some rains were reported in the central and southeastern part of the State. The lowest temperatures were reported in the north central and northeastern 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.....	38	33	36	32

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.....	7.0	6.3	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	7	9	--	4
Short .....	2	2	2	11
Adequate .....	91	84	98	83
Surplus .....	--	5	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	7	8	--	4
Short .....	1	3	1	11
Adequate .....	92	87	99	84
Surplus .....	--	2	--	1

NA – not available  
 (--) – zero

**CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION**

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
<b>Alfalfa hay</b>				
Very poor.....	4	4	--	--
Poor.....	7	5	1	4
Fair.....	12	10	11	16
Good.....	26	29	35	42
Excellent.....	51	52	53	38
<b>Cotton</b>				
Very poor.....	1	1	4	1
Poor.....	1	--	6	6
Fair.....	9	--	20	22
Good.....	36	40	43	46
Excellent.....	53	59	27	25
<b>Pasture and range</b>				
Very poor.....	8	4	--	15
Poor.....	13	4	5	26
Fair.....	39	45	34	31
Good.....	22	25	54	24
Excellent.....	18	22	7	4

NA – not available

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