

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING MARCH 26, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 94 percent of the barley had emerged, 2 percentage points ahead of the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Forty-five percent of the barley had headed, 13 percentage points behind last year. One hundred percent of the barley was rated in good to excellent condition. Ninety-six percent of the Durum wheat had emerged. Thirty-five percent of the Durum wheat had headed, 8 percentage points behind the previous year. One hundred percent of the Durum wheat was rated in good to excellent condition. Three percent of the cotton had been planted, 3 percentage points behind the previous year. Ninety-five percent of the alfalfa crop was rated in good to excellent condition, with harvest taking place on more than three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sixty-eight percent of the pastures and ranges were rated in good to fair condition as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of March 26, abnormally dry conditions covered 24.5 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 8.3 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. In the south-eastern part of the State, forage growth had been improving. In the south-central part of the State, sustained rain and adequate precipitation maintained healthy plant and flower growth. Above average precipitation was reported in the north central and west central parts of the State during the week. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center, in the last 7 days, the average minimum temperature was reported 20 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the north central and east central parts of the State. The average maximum was 80 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the southwestern part of the State.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	94	87	92	NA
Headed.....	45	36	58	44
Cotton				
Planted	3	2	6	16
Durum wheat				
Emerged.....	96	93	NA	NA
Headed.....	35	31	43	31

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	6.9	7.0	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	--	1	17	5
Short.....	--	1	15	12
Adequate	100	91	68	81
Surplus	--	7	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	--	1	16	5
Short.....	--	1	10	9
Adequate	100	92	74	84
Surplus	--	6	--	2

NA – not available
 (--) – zero

CROP, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous report (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	--	2
Fair.....	5	2	7	15
Good.....	65	66	31	43
Excellent.....	30	32	62	40
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	--	--	10	21
Good.....	67	65	52	58
Excellent.....	33	35	35	19
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	2
Fair.....	--	--	4	9
Good.....	35	30	27	50
Excellent.....	65	70	67	39
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	3	9	15	26
Poor.....	9	17	61	27
Fair.....	30	34	18	22
Good.....	38	29	6	22
Excellent.....	20	11	--	3

NA – not available

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