

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 2, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 97 percent of the barley had emerged, the same as reported the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty-four percent of the barley had headed, 16 percentage points behind last year. Ninety-nine percent of the barley was rated in good to excellent condition. Thirty-nine percent of the Durum wheat had headed, 17 percentage points behind the previous year. One hundred percent of the Durum wheat was rated in excellent to good condition. Seven percent of the cotton had been planted, 3 percentage points behind the previous year. Ninety-nine 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. Seventy-two percent of the pastures and ranges were rated in good to excellent condition as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. According to the United States Drought Monitor as of April 3, abnormally dry conditions covered 19.6 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 7.5 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. In the north-eastern part of the State, precipitation levels have been going down. Range conditions were still consistent from previous week. High elevation snowpack helped to keep adequate moisture in forest areas. Above average precipitation was reported in the north central and north-western 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 10 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the north central and east central parts of the State. The average maximum was 80 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the south-western, south central, and south-eastern part of the State.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Emerged.....	97	94	97	NA
Headed.....	54	45	70	57
Cotton				
Planted	7	3	10	21
Durum wheat				
Headed.....	39	35	56	42

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	7.0	6.7	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short	1	--	14	5
Short	2	--	18	15
Adequate	94	100	68	78
Surplus	3	--	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short	1	--	14	4
Short	6	--	15	13
Adequate	91	100	71	82
Surplus	2	--	--	1

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.....	1	5	6	15
Good.....	64	65	33	44
Excellent.....	35	30	61	39
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	1	--	9	22
Good.....	75	67	53	58
Excellent.....	24	33	35	18
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	2
Fair.....	--	--	4	8
Good.....	26	35	27	49
Excellent.....	74	65	67	41
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	7	3	13	28
Poor.....	12	9	54	27
Fair.....	28	30	23	20
Good.....	40	38	10	23
Excellent.....	13	20	--	2

NA – not available

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