

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING APRIL 16, 2023

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of the week, 85 percent of the barley had headed, 2 percentage points behind the previous year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ten percent of the barley had matured, and 95 percent of the barley was rated in good to excellent condition. Seventy-one percent of the Durum wheat had headed, 9 percentage points behind the previous year. Eight percent of the Durum wheat had matured, and 99 percent of the Durum wheat was rated in excellent to good condition. Twenty one percent of the cotton had been planted, 5 percentage points behind the previous year. Five percent of the cotton had emerged, 4 percentage points behind the previous year. Cotton farmers, except for the southwestern part of the state, were running few weeks behind due to soil conditions and temperatures. A reduction in cotton acreage was expected due to forage contracts with dairies feed concerns, lack of water, and urban encroachment. 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. Seventy-two 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 April 16, abnormally dry conditions covered 16.1 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 1.9 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. Below average precipitation was reported in the entire state. According to the High Plains Regional Climate Center, in the last 7 days, the average minimum temperature was reported as 25 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the north central and north-eastern part of the State. The average maximum was 93 degrees Fahrenheit, mostly in the south-central and south-western part of the State.

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Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Headed.....	85	73	87	84
Mature.....	10	NA	19	NA
Cotton				
Planted.....	21	13	26	36
Emerged.....	5	3	9	12
Durum wheat				
Headed.....	71	52	80	78
Mature.....	8	NA	16	NA

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	7.0	7.0
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	--	1	16	5
Short.....	6	3	22	12
Adequate.....	94	95	62	81
Surplus.....	--	1	--	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	1	1	15	5
Short.....	4	2	17	11
Adequate.....	95	96	68	82
Surplus.....	--	1	--	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	3	10	14
Good.....	66	62	32	42
Excellent.....	29	35	58	42
Barley				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	3	2
Fair.....	5	7	15	22
Good.....	84	78	48	54
Excellent.....	11	15	34	22
Durum wheat				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	--
Poor.....	--	--	2	1
Fair.....	1	1	5	6
Good.....	40	34	27	44
Excellent.....	59	65	66	49
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	10	13	25
Poor.....	8	17	59	27
Fair.....	29	33	21	22
Good.....	43	34	7	24
Excellent.....	15	6	--	2

NA – not available

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