

# ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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## CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 2, 2023

**AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY:** By the end of the week, 95 percent of the Durum wheat crop was harvested, 2 percentage points behind the previous year, but slightly ahead of the 5-year average, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Fifty-seven percent of the cotton crop was squared, 32 percentage point behind the previous year. Seventeen percent of the cotton crop had advanced to the setting bolls stage, 16 percentage points behind of the previous year. The cotton crop was rated mostly in good to excellent condition, as was the alfalfa crop. Alfalfa hay harvest was taking place on more than three-quarters of the acreage across the State. Forty-eight percent of the pastures and ranges were rated in poor to fair condition as soil moisture conditions remained mostly adequate. In the northeastern part of the State, most cool season, non-irrigated range grasses never completed their growing cycle due to hot and dry weather conditions. Conversely, irrigated crops were growing well, and first cutting of hay has occurred over the central and northern part of the area. According to the United States Drought Monitor published on June 29, abnormally dry conditions covered 15.1 percent of the State and moderate drought covered 1.5 percent. The State was free of severe, extreme, and exceptional drought. Minimal measurable precipitation was observed in the southeastern part of the State, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). Although average temperatures were cooler than normal across much of Arizona, daytime highs climbed well above 100 degrees across most southern counties.

### CROP PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Cotton				
Squaring.....	57	51	89	81
Setting Bolls .....	17	8	33	29
Durum wheat				
Harvested.....	95	81	97	93

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	6.8	6.9
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short .....	14	5	11	6
Short.....	10	11	25	14
Adequate .....	75	84	64	79
Surplus .....	1	--	--	1
Subsoil moisture				
Very short .....	11	5	8	5
Short.....	12	10	29	15
Adequate .....	76	85	63	79
Surplus .....	1	--	--	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.....	6	1	15	15
Good.....	38	47	39	41
Excellent.....	56	52	46	42
Cotton				
Very poor.....	1	--	--	--
Poor.....	1	--	--	3
Fair.....	6	5	14	21
Good.....	48	49	58	56
Excellent.....	44	46	28	20
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	13	6	40	38
Poor.....	26	21	39	23
Fair.....	22	31	15	22
Good.....	20	27	6	17
Excellent.....	19	15	--	--

NA – not available

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