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**WEDNESDAY
OCTOBER 30TH, 2024**

LUNCH & REFRESHMENTS SERVED
1 hour CEU has been applied for

UPCOMING DATES

OCT. 3: SAFFORD COTTON FIELD DAY AND FIELD PLOT TOUR →

OCT. 11: RACIN' FOR THE BACON DERBY DINNER →

OCT. 15: COTTON & COFFEE ZOOM-7:30AM CN- →

OCT. 20 & 21: 5TH ANNUAL AG EXECUTIVE FORUM →

OCT. 22: COOPERATIVE EXTENSION- IRRIGATION

WORKSHOP: SMART IRRIGATION CHOICES →

OCT. 30: DELTAPINE FIELD DAY

INDUSTRY INFORMATION

ARIZONA ELS COTTON REVIEW & ADJUSTMENTS

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ARIZONA ELS COTTON REVIEW AND ADJUSTMENTS

During the recent review for ELS Cotton, the Arizona Cotton Growers Association requested a 10-day extension of the Final Planting Date (FPD) in Graham County. After thorough research and analysis by the Davis Regional Office (DRO), the decision was made to extend the FPD in Graham County from April 30 to May 10. The DRO determined this change was reasonable and actuarially sound because the data indicated no increased risk for ELS cotton planted between April 30 and May 10. The extension was granted specifically for Graham County and not other ELS cotton counties in Arizona because data showed that 100% of cotton acreage in the other ELS cotton counties was planted by the original FPD of April 30. Consequently, there was no need to adjust the FPD for these other counties.

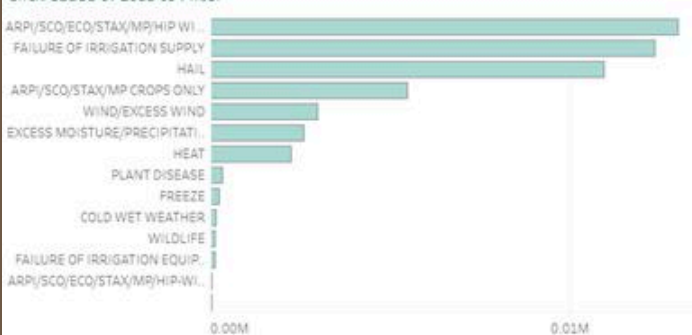
Additionally, we evaluated the Late Plant Period (LPP). The LPP, which was previously 15 days, has been adjusted to 10 days across all Arizona ELS cotton counties. This change aligns with two key observations: (1) in all counties except Graham, almost 100% of ELS cotton acreage is planted on or before the FPD, with minimal planting occurring during the LPP, and (2) this change standardizes the LPP across all counties. The reduction from 15 to 10 days will not adversely affect producers; historical data from the past 5 to 10 years shows that all ELS Cotton acres were planted by the FPD.

In summary, the extension of the FPD in Graham County and the reduction of the LPP to 10 days across Arizona's ELS Cotton counties are both based on solid data and are intended to ensure consistency and fairness for all producers.

[For additional information regarding Crop Criteria \(usda.gov\) click here.](#)

RMA Cause of Loss Dashboard | Net Cause of Loss Acres Overview

Cause of Loss Type | with State Detail



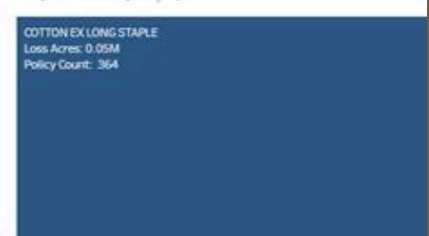
County Cause of Loss | By Net Cause of Loss Acres



Cause of Loss Acres Timeline



Top 10 Crops | by Net Cause of Loss Acres



Arizona acreage with reported losses from 2014 - 2023.



STATE SUPPORT COMMITTEE SETS 2025 RESEARCH PROJECTS

Who: The Arizona State Support Committee is a Committee created through Cotton Incorporated to allocate State Support Funds for Arizona research needs.

State Support Committee Members: Dean Rovey, Chairman; Cassy England, Vice Chairman; Mark Killian, ACRPC Director; Jerry Rovey, Ross Rayner, Dan Pacheco, Art Heiden, Adam Hatley, Damian Murrieta, Paco Ollerton, Jeff Larson, Nathan Rovey, and Richard Heiden.

How Much: For 2025 CI has allocated \$56,000 to Arizona to support its designated projects, in addition to \$24,443.56 of 2024 Carryover Funds. Allocation is determined by an average of cotton acreage in the state.

The Process: ACGA Executive Director requests research proposals

for funding consideration on behalf of the Committee Chairman. The Committee meets to hear proposals and makes recommendations to the ACGA Board of Directors. This year, the Committee heard 7 research proposals, and recommended funding for 5.

PROJECTS APPROVED FOR FUNDING BY THE AZ STATE SUPPORT PROGRAM

RESEARCHER	PROJECT RESEARCH TITLE	AMOUNT
Dr. Ellsworth	Improving Insect Management Strategies in Arizona Cotton	\$21,000.00
Dr. Norton	Arizona Upland Cotton Advanced Strains Testing Program	\$18,000.00
Dr. Avik, Dr. Norton & Dr. Singh	Evaluating herbicide efficacies against the broadleaf and grass weeds in southwest desert-grown cotton	\$15,000.00
Dr. Bandaru	Remote sensing and weather stations to enhance the tools to assess regional scale cotton production and water use under changing climate	\$12,000.00
Dr. Sanyal and Dr. Norton	Evaluating Biofertilizers to Improve Soil Health and Cotton Production	\$12,000.00

TOTAL GRANTS FUNDED \$78,000.00

Copies of the Research Proposals are available through the office of the Association.

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UNITED FOR AGRICULTURE: A CALL TO ACTION ON THE FARM BILL

In a significant advocacy effort, Association President Adam Hatley participated in a multi-commodity industry visit to nearly 100 House and Senate offices, organized by the National Cotton Council of America (NCC). During this fly-in, representatives from various agricultural groups, including the American Soybean Association, U.S. Peanut Federation, National Corn Growers Association, and others, collaborated in meetings with key Congressional leaders. This unprecedented multi-commodity advocacy campaign showcased strong support across different regions and commodities, creating momentum for necessary legislative action. This initiative aimed to convey the pressing need for Congress to act on the Farm Bill and allow lawmakers to hear directly from farmers about the challenges they face, emphasizing the dire consequences of inaction.

To amplify these concerns, the NCC led a coalition of over 300 agricultural organizations, including the ACGA, in a [letter](#) to Congressional leadership, detailing the severe downturn in the farm economy and urging assistance for producers this year.

Additionally, the NCC coordinated a media strategy to raise awareness of these issues beyond traditional agricultural channels, [providing a media collage that highlights press coverage surrounding their efforts](#). As part of the collective outreach, both the NCC and regional cotton groups engaged with over sixty offices on Capitol Hill to ensure that the voices of farmers are heard, emphasizing the urgent need for Congressional action to support producers in 2024.

Producers are encouraged to reach out to your Congressional representatives and utilize social media platforms to further advocate for enhanced support moving forward.



Adam Hatley engaging in conversation with Congressman Ruben Gallego Director of Agricultural Legislative Affairs.

LEADERSHIP TRANSITION: MARK W. KILLIAN TAKES THE HELM AT ACRPC

In August 2024, the Arizona Cotton Research and Protection Council (ACRPC) announced Mr. Mark W. Killian as the Director of the organization. Mr. Killian has spent many years in public service roles including the Director of the Department of Agriculture, a representative in the Arizona House of Representatives including Speaker of the House and Republican Majority Leader, Director of the AZ Department of Revenue, and leadership roles with the Arizona Board of Regents. Killian's agriculture experience was and continues to be very diverse. Mr. Killian is a licensed commercial real estate broker, with a family ranching and farming operations that in the past operated in 5 states, the Killian family has been in the cotton business in Arizona for over 75 years .

Mr. Killian is eager to advance the numerous programs of ACRPC including expanding the marketing and registration for the AF36 Program, developing a long-term continuation plan for the Cotton Council, and providing industry support and information to the cotton growers of Arizona.