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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 80 percent complete, 8 percentage points behind the five year average. Small grain has reached maturity on a third of the acreage and harvest is underway in a few areas. Alfalfa harvest remains active on three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, carrots, dry onions, and potatoes. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	24	30	43
Range and Pasture	14	27	34	20	5

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	80	70	92	88
Durum Wheat				
• Mature	35	25	12	23
Barley				
• Mature	40	30	23	35

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending May 18 ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Coolidge to 7 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Paloma, and the lowest reading of 24 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at 11 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received the most at 0.66 inches of precipitation and Kingman and St. Johns received the least with 0.01 inches. None of the reporting stations have above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
May 12 - May 18, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	72	2	102	46	0.00	2.20	-1.74	56
Buckeye	76	-2	103	50	0.00	2.26	-0.31	88
Canyon De Chelly	57	-4	83	36	0.00	2.62	-0.35	88
Coolidge	70	-6	104	44	0.00	1.49	-1.75	46
Douglas	67	-1	93	42	0.05	0.36	-1.68	18
Flagstaff	50	0	74	32	0.35	6.93	-1.78	80
Grand Canyon	50	4	76	24	0.66	5.01	-3.73	57
Kingman	69	2	94	42	0.01	2.94	-0.73	80
Marana	73	-3	96	47	0.03	1.70	-2.07	45
Maricopa	74	-3	104	51	0.00	1.49	-1.38	52
Paloma	75	-3	110	51	0.00	1.06	-1.75	38
Parker	78	1	107	51	0.00	1.11	-0.97	53
Payson	59	-2	87	38	0.10	5.80	-1.95	75
Phoenix	80	2	98	62	0.00	1.97	-0.60	77
Prescott	59	2	86	34	0.21	4.50	-1.58	74
Roll	76	-3	102	50	0.00	0.65	-0.30	68
Safford	70	2	94	42	0.07	1.57	-0.67	70
St. Johns	58	-3	82	37	0.01	1.24	-1.63	43
Tucson	74	0	96	49	0.00	1.81	-0.96	65
Willcox	65	0	91	37	0.11	1.16	-1.52	43
Winslow	59	-4	85	33	0.18	1.68	-0.29	85
Yuma	85	7	106	63	0.00	0.48	-0.47	51

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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