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## Field Crops

Ninety-four percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls and 30 percent of the acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting has started in western areas of the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	31	54	12
Cotton	0	0	21	65	14
Range and Pasture	7	15	32	33	13

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	94	85	97	97
• Bolls Opening	30	20	31	29

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 17, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at various locations to 8 degrees above normal at Aguila and Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 108 degrees at

Phoenix and Roll, and the lowest reading of 45 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 17 of the 22 stations. Flagstaff received the most at 0.97 inches of precipitation and Phoenix received the least with 0.01 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 August 11 - August 17, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	87	8	105	70	0.00	4.49	-1.56	74
Buckeye	92	2	107	77	0.00	2.26	-1.84	55
Canyon De Chelly	73	-2	92	50	0.50	6.51	0.96	117
Coolidge	87	1	103	71	0.87	3.63	-0.92	80
Douglas	79	2	91	62	0.04	6.69	-1.14	85
Flagstaff	67	4	84	50	0.97	11.97	-1.78	87
Grand Canyon	67	8	89	45	0.55	8.67	-4.26	67
Kingman	85	5	101	66	0.00	3.92	-2.02	66
Marana	88	3	102	73	0.17	4.75	-1.93	71
Maricopa	91	3	107	76	0.05	4.93	0.67	116
Paloma	90	-2	105	75	0.02	2.32	-1.72	57
Parker	91	3	107	72	0.00	1.96	-0.62	76
Payson	74	1	91	57	0.59	11.46	-1.40	89
Phoenix	95	4	108	81	0.01	5.90	1.80	144
Prescott	76	6	94	59	0.13	8.40	-3.62	70
Roll	90	-2	108	74	0.00	1.10	-0.51	68
Safford	81	-1	96	64	0.18	3.99	-1.18	77
St. Johns	77	6	94	54	0.15	5.11	-1.52	77
Tucson	86	3	100	71	0.07	6.45	-0.24	96
Willcox	80	4	96	63	0.54	7.52	0.13	102
Winslow	81	5	98	59	0.33	3.38	-1.09	76
Yuma	95	2	107	83	0.03	1.39	-0.22	86

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

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