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Field Crops

Virtually all of the cotton acreage has set bolls and 45 percent of the acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 4 percent completed across the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor 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	4	37	47	12
Cotton	0	1	19	62	18
Range and Pasture	8	32	32	22	6

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	45	30	45	42
• Harvested	4	2	2	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 24, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Roll to 8 degrees above normal at Aguila. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading of 40 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at 8 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 0.49 inches of precipitation and Phoenix received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only three stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 August 18 - August 24, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	8	104	62	0.00	4.49	-1.84	71
Buckeye	91	2	107	74	0.00	2.26	-2.05	52
Canyon De Chelly	73	2	94	54	0.00	6.51	0.68	112
Coolidge	87	2	106	68	0.00	3.63	-1.13	76
Douglas	79	3	97	60	0.12	6.81	-1.63	81
Flagstaff	65	3	83	46	0.28	12.25	-2.08	85
Grand Canyon	64	6	87	40	0.07	8.74	-4.65	65
Kingman	83	3	100	64	0.00	3.92	-2.37	62
Marana	89	5	104	74	0.00	4.75	-2.40	66
Maricopa	91	4	107	75	0.00	4.93	0.52	112
Paloma	89	-2	107	69	0.00	2.32	-1.93	55
Parker	89	0	110	65	0.00	1.96	-0.71	73
Payson	73	2	93	55	0.49	11.95	-1.61	88
Phoenix	96	6	108	83	0.01	5.91	1.60	137
Prescott	75	7	92	59	0.00	8.40	-4.36	66
Roll	89	-3	109	68	0.00	1.10	-0.65	63
Safford	80	0	96	63	0.08	4.07	-1.45	74
St. Johns	74	4	95	56	0.06	5.17	-1.95	73
Tucson	88	5	102	74	0.00	6.45	-0.72	90
Willcox	79	4	100	59	0.00	7.52	-0.44	94
Winslow	77	3	98	55	0.11	3.49	-1.26	73
Yuma	94	3	109	81	0.00	1.39	-0.36	79

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

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