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Field Crops

Sixty percent of the cotton acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 6 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	36	47	13
Cotton	0	1	19	62	18
Range and Pasture	3	25	33	29	10

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	60	45	57	53
• Harvested	6	4	4	1

Weather Summary

Temperatures were up to 5 degrees below normal at lower elevations and up to 10 degrees above normal at mid to high elevations for the week ending August 31. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Phoenix, and the lowest reading of 44 degrees

occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at all of the 22 stations. Phoenix received the most at 2.06 inches of precipitation and Winslow received the least with 0.06 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 August 25 - August 31, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	83	5	99	67	1.52	6.01	-0.60	91
Buckeye	86	-5	102	71	1.80	4.06	-0.46	90
Canyon De Chelly	73	3	94	56	0.07	6.58	0.47	108
Coolidge	84	-1	103	70	0.28	3.91	-1.03	79
Douglas	76	1	91	63	1.38	8.19	-0.79	91
Flagstaff	67	6	87	49	0.25	12.50	-2.39	84
Grand Canyon	66	10	89	44	0.70	9.44	-4.37	68
Kingman	83	5	103	65	0.29	4.21	-2.40	64
Marana	83	-2	101	69	0.47	5.22	-2.29	70
Maricopa	85	-3	100	69	0.33	5.26	0.70	115
Paloma	85	-4	101	70	1.71	4.03	-0.42	91
Parker	90	2	106	73	0.34	2.30	-0.44	84
Payson	72	2	87	61	1.85	13.80	-0.41	97
Phoenix	89	-1	109	72	2.06	7.97	3.45	176
Prescott	76	8	94	60	0.50	8.90	-4.53	66
Roll	86	-5	102	70	0.90	2.00	0.11	106
Safford	78	-1	94	66	0.83	4.90	-0.95	84
St. Johns	72	4	91	55	0.29	5.46	-2.11	72
Tucson	83	-2	99	69	0.14	6.59	-1.00	87
Willcox	77	3	94	62	0.56	8.08	-0.38	96
Winslow	77	5	97	60	0.06	3.55	-1.48	71
Yuma	89	-3	106	76	0.45	1.84	-0.05	97

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

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