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Field Crops

Virtually all of the cotton acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 25 percent complete across the State, 8 percentage points above the five year average. Cotton condition in the State is mostly good. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	40	44	12
Cotton	0	2	20	64	14
Range and Pasture	2	23	33	28	14

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	25	20	19	17

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending October 5, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Aguila and Safford to 8 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 32 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was

reported at 8 of the 22 stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.36 inches of precipitation and Payson and Winslow received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 September 29 - October 5, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	76	2	97	53	0.00	6.10	-1.47	81
Buckeye	81	4	103	57	0.00	4.06	-1.44	74
Canyon De Chelly	61	3	83	41	0.36	7.59	0.41	106
Coolidge	77	3	103	56	0.00	4.38	-1.02	81
Douglas	73	6	90	50	0.00	9.00	-1.94	82
Flagstaff	55	4	76	35	0.21	13.54	-3.64	79
Grand Canyon	55	7	78	32	0.22	10.22	-5.19	66
Kingman	74	6	93	50	0.00	4.67	-2.84	62
Marana	81	6	99	63	0.00	5.41	-2.74	66
Maricopa	80	4	100	62	0.00	5.71	0.44	108
Paloma	80	3	104	56	0.00	4.16	-0.69	86
Parker	82	4	104	63	0.00	2.47	-0.60	80
Payson	66	5	86	46	0.01	14.30	-2.31	86
Phoenix	86	6	101	68	0.00	7.97	2.47	145
Prescott	65	7	84	44	0.02	9.75	-5.83	63
Roll	81	3	105	58	0.00	2.00	-0.24	89
Safford	71	2	89	52	0.11	7.75	0.35	105
St. Johns	62	3	82	40	0.31	6.23	-2.93	68
Tucson	81	6	96	66	0.00	7.35	-2.10	78
Willcox	71	6	91	47	0.00	8.47	-1.63	84
Winslow	65	4	86	42	0.01	3.63	-2.45	60
Yuma	88	8	106	67	0.00	2.00	-0.24	89

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

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