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## Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 28 percent complete across the State, 7 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. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	41	45	12
Cotton	0	1	20	62	17
Range and Pasture	3	23	32	28	14

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	28	25	24	21

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending October 12, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at various locations to 3 degrees above normal at Douglas, Prescott, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Roll and Yuma, and the lowest reading of 9 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported

at 5 of the 22 stations. Safford received the most at 0.20 inches of precipitation and Canyon De Chelly received the least with 0.05 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 October 6 - October 12, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	67	-5	95	36	0.00	6.10	-1.61	79
Buckeye	71	-5	99	41	0.00	4.06	-1.58	72
Canyon De Chelly	54	-2	77	21	0.05	7.64	0.23	103
Coolidge	68	-5	99	32	0.00	4.38	-1.16	79
Douglas	68	3	91	44	0.19	9.19	-2.03	82
Flagstaff	50	1	75	11	0.00	13.54	-3.99	77
Grand Canyon	47	2	75	9	0.00	10.22	-5.54	65
Kingman	64	-3	89	31	0.00	4.67	-2.98	61
Marana	72	-1	98	37	0.00	5.41	-2.91	65
Maricopa	71	-4	98	39	0.00	5.71	0.30	106
Paloma	72	-4	101	38	0.00	4.16	-0.74	85
Parker	72	-5	101	44	0.00	2.47	-0.66	79
Payson	59	-2	81	25	0.00	14.30	-2.72	84
Phoenix	78	2	98	50	0.00	7.97	2.33	141
Prescott	59	3	85	24	0.00	9.75	-6.09	62
Roll	71	-5	102	37	0.00	2.00	-0.31	87
Safford	68	2	90	44	0.20	7.95	0.28	104
St. Johns	56	-1	78	28	0.08	6.31	-3.11	67
Tucson	75	2	96	46	0.00	7.35	-2.38	76
Willcox	66	3	90	43	0.09	8.56	-1.82	82
Winslow	58	-1	83	21	0.00	3.63	-2.66	58
Yuma	80	2	102	56	0.00	2.00	-0.31	87

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

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