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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening is at 85 percent complete, the same as last year but below the five-year average of 89 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent. Harvesting remains active in the Yuma area. Most alfalfa is in fair to good condition. Harvesting is active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Range & Pasture

Range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to excellent, depending on location. At this time last year 67 percent was rated at very poor or poor. Currently 38 percent is rated at very poor or poor and 35 percent is rated at good or excellent.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	10	33	44	12
Range and Pasture	23	15	27	27	8
Cotton Condition	-	1	18	59	22

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	85	78	85	89
• Harvested	15	12	20	16

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 26, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Marana, Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading at 30 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 12 of the

22 stations this week. Maricopa and Tucson received the least at 0.01 inches of precipitation and Payson received the most at 1.09 inches of precipitation. Eight of the 22 weather stations remain at below normal precipitation to date, mostly in the northern areas of the State.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 20, 2010 - September 26, 2010

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	79	1	102	53	0.00	8.78	1.42	119
Buckeye	84	2	107	61	0.00	6.95	1.68	132
Canyon De Chelly	66	4	92	43	0.88	9.04	2.17	132
Coolidge	82	4	103	59	0.00	6.47	1.24	124
Douglas	77	7	94	57	0.50	9.66	-0.83	92
Flagstaff	58	4	82	34	0.49	19.77	3.17	119
Grand Canyon	57	7	86	30	0.37	10.76	-4.24	72
Kingman	77	5	99	52	0.00	4.50	-2.80	62
Marana	86	8	104	68	0.00	7.84	-0.14	98
Maricopa	84	5	105	60	0.01	6.19	1.12	122
Paloma	84	2	108	62	0.00	4.67	-0.12	97
Parker	80	-2	108	56	0.00	3.70	0.71	124
Payson	69	5	91	45	1.09	16.97	0.96	106
Phoenix	91	8	111	74	0.13	7.40	2.13	140
Prescott	70	8	94	44	0.00	9.48	-5.66	63
Roll	85	2	109	61	0.00	3.39	1.24	158
Safford	76	4	94	56	0.44	10.39	3.39	148
St. Johns	66	4	92	44	1.06	7.85	-0.90	90
Tucson	85	7	102	66	0.01	10.30	1.30	114
Willcox	76	7	97	56	0.76	12.71	3.01	131
Winslow	69	4	95	44	0.33	5.38	-0.40	93
Yuma	90	6	113	67	0.00	3.78	1.63	176

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

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