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Field Crops

Cotton squaring is virtually complete. Eighty-five percent of the acreage has set bolls slightly behind the 5-year average. Bolls opening is at 30 percent mostly along the Colorado River. The condition of the cotton crop is mostly good to excellent. Alfalfa condition is mostly good to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Arizona growers remained active with the harvest of cantaloupes, honeydews and other miscellaneous melons.

Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive some much needed moisture from seasonal rains. Many areas are showing new forage. Most rangeland remains in very poor to fair condition. Rain has replenished water to many stock tanks.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	3	15	37	45
Range and Pasture	36	24	19	17	4
Cotton	-	1	7	59	33

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	99	95	98	99
• Setting Bolls	85	70	79	86
• Bolls Opening	30	20	25	19

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending August 7th, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Parker to 6 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 41 degrees at Grand Canyon. There was

precipitation recorded in all but 6 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Kingman with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Willcox with 1.10 inches. Roll is the only area that has above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August, 1 2011 - August 7, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	88	6	107	66	0.00	2.40	-3.11	44
Buckeye	95	4	112	79	0.00	2.40	-1.37	64
Canyon De Chelly	76	2	95	59	0.12	2.87	-2.17	57
Coolidge	90	3	110	72	0.22	1.56	-2.55	38
Douglas	83	6	99	68	0.24	2.23	-4.51	33
Flagstaff	66	0	83	47	0.96	9.52	-3.24	75
Grand Canyon	66	6	87	41	0.52	7.28	-4.88	60
Kingman	84	3	103	63	0.01	4.60	-0.78	86
Marana	91	6	107	76	0.17	1.92	-3.90	33
Maricopa	94	5	109	74	0.04	1.25	-2.68	32
Paloma	94	3	114	75	0.00	2.73	-0.93	75
Parker	86	-5	104	62	0.00	1.74	-0.67	72
Payson	77	3	97	59	0.12	7.05	-4.61	60
Phoenix	98	6	113	82	0.24	2.62	-1.15	69
Prescott	77	6	94	60	0.16	4.75	-6.00	44
Roll	94	3	115	71	0.00	1.49	0.11	108
Safford	84	2	100	67	0.63	1.60	-3.02	35
St. Johns	74	2	91	60	0.33	3.66	-2.14	63
Tucson	91	6	106	74	0.13	2.90	-3.00	49
Willcox	83	5	100	66	1.10	5.41	-0.97	85
Winslow	79	2	99	61	0.11	2.57	-1.38	65
Yuma	98	5	115	77	0.00	0.80	-0.58	58

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

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