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**Field Crops**

Ninety percent of Arizona’s cotton acreage has set bolls, slightly behind the 5-year average. Bolls opening is at 37 percent mostly along the Colorado River. The condition of the cotton crop remains 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	-	2	16	36	46
Range and Pasture	37	20	17	21	5
Cotton	-	2	8	46	44

**Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	90	85	84	92
• Bolls Opening	37	30	27	27

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending August 14th, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Aguila and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 42 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded

in 12 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Flagstaff with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Willcox with 1.63 inches. Willcox is the only area that has above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August, 8 2011 - August 15, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	87	8	103	71	0.26	2.66	-3.20	45
Buckeye	93	3	107	80	0.00	2.40	-1.58	60
Canyon De Chelly	78	5	98	55	0.04	2.91	-2.47	54
Coolidge	88	2	105	74	0.00	1.56	-2.83	36
Douglas	79	3	94	65	0.14	2.37	-5.09	32
Flagstaff	68	4	85	53	0.01	9.53	-3.86	71
Grand Canyon	66	7	88	42	0.06	7.34	-5.31	58
Kingman	85	4	100	69	0.00	4.60	-1.13	80
Marana	88	3	103	73	0.19	2.11	-4.27	33
Maricopa	91	3	105	77	0.00	1.25	-2.89	30
Paloma	90	-2	109	74	0.00	2.73	-1.19	70
Parker	87	-4	109	70	0.00	1.74	-0.76	70
Payson	76	3	91	62	0.41	7.46	-4.97	60
Phoenix	96	5	108	85	0.00	2.62	-1.36	66
Prescott	78	8	93	64	0.00	4.75	-6.83	41
Roll	91	-1	111	72	0.00	1.49	-0.03	98
Safford	83	2	98	68	0.43	2.03	-2.94	41
St. Johns	78	6	94	62	0.38	4.04	-2.30	64
Tucson	87	3	99	75	0.45	3.35	-3.06	52
Willcox	80	3	99	64	1.63	7.04	0.01	100
Winslow	80	4	99	61	0.16	2.73	-1.57	63
Yuma	95	2	108	81	0.00	0.80	-0.72	53
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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