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Field Crops

Cotton squaring was complete on 93 percent of the acreage compared to the 5-year average of 96 percent. Approximately two-thirds of the cotton acreage has set bolls compared to the 5-year average of 74 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Cotton bolls have just begun opening in various locations. Alfalfa conditions continue to range from fair to excellent across the State. Alfalfa harvesting is active on over three-quarters of the growing area across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week.

Range and Pasture

A few storms have relieved the heat but rangeland and pasture continue to suffer drought like conditions. Grazing areas remain in mostly very poor to fair condition. The heat is continuing to cause stock tanks and reservoirs to dry rapidly despite recent precipitation in some areas.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	5	26	56	13
Range and Pasture	38	31	21	8	2
Cotton	1	2	23	51	23

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	93	92	94	96
• Setting Bolls	68	60	69	74
• Bolls Opening	9	-	19	11

Weather Summary

Temperatures were generally above average across the State for the week ending July 29th, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Paloma, Payson and Willcox and up to 8 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110

degrees at Parker. The lowest reading was 50 degrees at the Grand Canyon. All but four of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation for the week ending July 29th. Tucson received the least at 0.06 inches and Payson received the most at 2.10 inches.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
July 23, 2012 - July 29, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	87	3	103	71	0.07	2.59	-2.56	50
Buckeye	91	-1	107	75	0.09	1.59	-1.91	45
Canyon De Chelly	78	3	96	60	1.09	2.65	-2.00	57
Coolidge	86	-1	102	71	0.54	3.87	0.01	100
Douglas	79	1	93	63	0.49	2.06	-3.75	35
Flagstaff	68	2	81	54	0.66	6.68	-5.28	56
Grand Canyon	69	8	87	50	1.17	5.45	-6.08	47
Kingman	86	4	100	71	0.00	4.36	-0.63	87
Maricopa	91	2	108	72	1.12	2.40	-1.29	65
Paloma	89	-2	108	74	1.06	3.10	-0.31	91
Parker	90	-1	110	66	0.00	0.81	-1.52	35
Payson	75	-2	90	59	2.10	6.15	-4.63	57
Phoenix	96	3	109	77	0.16	1.29	-2.21	37
Prescott	77	4	91	62	0.32	5.23	-4.56	53
Roll	91	0	109	73	0.00	0.78	-0.43	64
Safford	83	0	100	66	1.20	4.71	0.54	113
St. Johns	75	1	94	59	0.96	2.78	-2.45	53
Tucson	86	-1	100	71	0.06	5.15	-0.11	98
Willcox	77	-2	100	51	1.06	4.68	-0.90	84
Winslow	79	1	96	61	0.37	3.18	-0.37	90
Yuma	96	2	109	80	0.00	1.95	0.74	161
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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