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Field Crops

Ninety-eight percent of Arizona's cotton acreage has set bolls, 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 3 points ahead of last year. Bolls opening is at 50 percent. The condition of the cotton crop varies from mostly fair to excellent depending on location. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week.

Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive some much needed moisture from scattered seasonal rains. Many areas are showing new forage however more rain is necessary for rangeland conditions to improve. 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
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	1	3	19	44	33
Range and Pasture	35	19	31	11	4
Cotton	1	2	15	46	36

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	98	95	94	95
• Bolls Opening	50	25	39	34

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending August 19th, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Buckeye, Paloma and Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 117 degrees at

Yuma. The lowest reading was 47 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Eighteen out of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Grand Canyon received the least at 0.01 inches and Safford received the most at 1.46 inches of precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 13, 2012 - August 19, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	8	109	69	0.55	3.17	-2.96	52
Buckeye	90	-2	112	73	0.26	1.86	-2.30	45
Canyon De Chelly	77	5	96	59	0.12	3.20	-2.43	57
Coolidge	86	0	109	72	0.02	4.03	-0.58	87
Douglas	81	5	102	65	1.14	4.10	-3.91	51
Flagstaff	68	5	85	50	0.14	8.22	-5.71	59
Grand Canyon	69	10	89	47	0.01	6.01	-7.06	46
Kingman	85	5	103	67	0.32	5.45	-0.59	90
Maricopa	88	1	111	71	0.77	3.17	-1.14	74
Paloma	89	-2	115	73	0.87	4.09	-0.01	100
Parker	88	-2	109	74	0.00	1.84	-0.78	70
Payson	76	3	95	60	0.63	8.21	-4.85	63
Phoenix	95	4	115	77	0.25	1.57	-2.59	38
Prescott	78	9	95	62	0.41	5.78	-6.46	47
Roll	92	1	116	76	0.00	0.91	-0.74	55
Safford	85	6	104	66	1.46	6.28	1.01	119
St. Johns	77	6	95	57	0.38	3.77	-3.00	56
Tucson	88	4	109	74	0.07	5.34	-1.49	78
Willcox	83	7	105	59	0.76	6.32	-1.24	84
Winslow	80	5	98	60	0.66	3.85	-0.70	85
Yuma	95	3	117	81	0.00	1.95	0.30	118
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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