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Field Crops

Cotton bolls were open on 60 percent of the cotton crop last week, behind both last year at 78 percent and the 5-year average at 68 percent. The cotton crop was rated in mostly good to excellent condition, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in fair to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. This week there were 7 days suitable for field work.

Moisture Conditions

	Subsoil Moisture	Topsoil Moisture
	- Percent -	
Very Short	5	0
Short	32	28
Adequate	63	67
Surplus	0	5

Range and Pasture

The third straight week of rain continued to improve range and pasture conditions which range from very poor to excellent, depending on location. The beneficial rains were seen across the State, resulting in some generally adequate forage conditions.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons last week.

Western Arizona growers had no movement this last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	6	5	23	41	25
Cotton	0	0	11	47	42
Range and Pasture	13	16	33	34	4

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton, Bolls Opening	60	54	78	68
Cotton, Defoliated	14	8	17	15

N/A – Not Available

Temperature and Precipitation Data									
September 1, 2014 - September 7, 2014									
Station	Temperature				Precipitation				
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal	
Aguila	84	3	102	64	0.17	4.69	-1.25	79	
Ajo	92	6	106	78	0.29	5.15	-0.03	99	
Anvil Ranch	80	-1	102	57	0.57	7.65	-1.16	87	
Betatakin	67	2	86	37	0.08	3.74	-4.54	45	
Bisbee	73	3	90	57	0.45	8.90	-5.28	63	
Buckeye	89	3	108	70	0.46	7.14	1.97	138	
Bullhead City	91	0	111	70	0.09	3.84	-0.40	91	
Canyon De Chelly	71	0	93	49	0.18	4.64	-1.67	74	
Coolidge	87	1	107	65	0.07	2.56	-3.70	41	
Douglas	78	3	97	56	0.12	8.96	-0.52	95	
Flagstaff	62	2	80	45	0.68	13.52	-2.21	86	
Fort Grant	78	3	93	62	0.67	11.22	2.29	126	
Grand Canyon	63	2	84	41	0.99	6.05	-5.68	52	
Heber	69	6	88	47	0.19	10.06	-3.00	77	
Kingman	82	5	98	63	0.00	3.99	-3.21	55	
Maricopa	88	2	107	68	0.00	3.92	-1.24	76	
Nogales	80	5	99	64	0.59	10.54	-2.64	80	
Page	81	6	98	63	0.00	2.10	-2.09	50	
Paloma	88	-3	109	68	0.00	0.91	-3.83	19	
Paradise	70	-2	88	53	0.66	19.32	4.76	133	
Parker	87	-4	106	68	0.03	1.74	-0.80	69	
Payson	72	2	90	52	0.25	7.91	-7.51	51	
Phoenix	95	7	109	80	0.00	2.22	-3.09	42	
Pipe Springs	73	3	94	54	0.00	5.03	-2.98	63	
Prescott	72	2	88	56	0.47	7.87	-2.19	78	
Robson Ranch	89	5	110	69	0.20	4.67	-2.12	69	
Roll	90	2	110	65	0.00	2.01	-0.98	67	
Roosevelt	87	4	102	72	0.15	7.70	-3.00	72	
Safford	80	2	97	61	0.34	5.83	-0.56	91	
St. Johns	72	4	91	54	0.15	5.55	-2.38	70	
San Carlos	77	-6	100	53	1.00	7.07	-3.07	70	
Seligman	71	3	92	47	1.03	7.14	-2.16	77	
Springerville	68	7	90	43	0.11	7.11	-1.72	81	
Tec_Nos_Pos	69	-3	90	47	0.00	4.21	-1.01	81	
Tucson	87	4	104	69	0.28	4.19	-4.02	51	
Willcox	78	4	97	57	0.15	9.21	0.15	102	
Window Rock	67	5	90	44	0.04	3.54	-3.78	48	
Winslow	75	4	95	55	0.03	4.21	-1.09	79	
Yuma	96	6	111	80	0.00	1.30	-0.77	63	

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

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