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### **Field Crops Report**

For the week ending July 11, virtually all of the **Cotton** acreage has squared compared to 73 percent last year and the 5-year average of 93 percent. Bolls have set on 50 percent of the acreage.

**Alfalfa** harvest continued active on just over half of the State's acreage. Forty-two percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 22 percent excellent.

The **Small Grain** harvest continued. **Barley** and **Durum Wheat** producers are in the final harvesting stages. Over 90 percent of the acreage had been harvested by week's end, virtually the same as last year.

### **Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report**

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, green onions, honeydews, and watermelons last week.

### **Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 28 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 19 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

During June, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in mostly poor to fair condition. Overall, conditions were about the same as last month. Arizona livestock were in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies throughout the State were short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were poor to fair. Ranchers reported no measurable moisture and very dry conditions. Winds are beginning to pick up. High elevation pasture was in mostly fair condition. Mid elevation conditions were very poor to fair and low-level elevations were in poor to fair condition. Livestock were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was moderate.

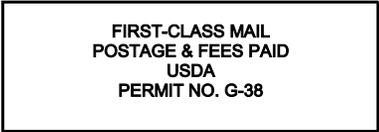
Overall, Central pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. Winds are drying out the range lands. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair at high elevations and mostly poor to fair at mid and low elevations. Livestock condition was fair to good. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Southern pastures were reported as mostly poor to fair. Ranchers reported lack of moisture and dry ranges. Conditions were mostly fair at high elevations. Mid and low elevation pastures were in mostly poor to fair condition. Livestock condition was fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for the State were below average for the week ending July 10. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Payson to 1 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Douglas, and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 37 degrees at Flagstaff. Douglas, Safford, and Winslow received rainfall of 0.18 inches, 0.04 inches, and 0.24 inches respectively.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK JULY 4 TO JULY 10 , 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	1	97	54	0.00	3.56	3.93
Casa Grande	91	-3	109	61	0.00	3.29	3.27
Coolidge	90	-1	110	62	0.00	3.71	3.87
Douglas	80	1	101	62	0.18	3.20	3.73
Flagstaff	65	-1	86	37	0.00	4.43	10.40
Gila Bend	94	-3	111	68	0.00	2.85	2.74
Grand Canyon	66	0	90	40	0.00	5.55	7.80
Kingman	82	0	99	64	0.00	2.47	4.78
Parker	93	-1	107	73	0.00	1.51	2.60
Payson	75	-4	93	47	0.00	5.05	9.99
Phoenix	95	-2	109	74	0.00	4.02	3.40
Prescott Airport	73	1	95	53	0.00	3.70	5.56
Safford Ag Center	83	-3	100	54	0.04	3.89	3.27
Tucson	87	0	103	65	0.00	3.56	3.94
Willcox	79	0	101	54	0.00	4.96	4.31
Winslow	77	-1	97	54	0.24	1.81	2.83
Yuma	93	0	110	74	0.00	1.16	1.11

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

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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