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Field Crops Report

For the week ending September 12, bolls have opened on 83 percent of the acreage compared to 80 percent last year and the five year average of 87 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent very poor, 3 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 27 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. Forty-six percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 66 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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

Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 20 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

During August, ranges and pastures in Arizona improved and were rated in mostly fair to good condition. Many areas of the State received much needed rain. Arizona livestock were in fair to good condition. Soil moisture throughout the State remained mostly short. However, stock water supplies improved considerably from a month ago. Insect damage was light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were fair to good, especially in the high elevation. Low elevation pasture conditions were mostly fair, but mid elevation pasture conditions ranged from poor to good. Livestock continued in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was moderate.

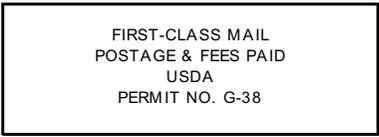
Central pasture conditions were mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions were mostly fair to good at low elevations and high elevations. Mid elevation conditions ranged from poor to good. Livestock remained in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate, but soil moisture continued short. Insect damage was moderate.

Southern pastures ranged from poor to good condition. Pasture conditions were mostly fair to good at high elevations. Mid elevation pasture conditions ranged from poor to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Livestock continued in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending September 11. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Payson, Safford, and Winslow to 3 degrees above normal at Prescott and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Parker and the lowest reading was 32 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Kingman received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.50 inches and Prescott received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.02 inches.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 5 TO SEPTEMBER 11, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	65	0	90	42	0.00	4.59	6.43
Casa Grande	85	-1	106	62	0.00	6.38	6.18
Coolidge	85	2	107	64	0.00	5.95	6.31
Douglas	75	1	96	52	0.00	6.28	9.69
Flagstaff	60	-1	81	32	0.00	10.93	16.00
Gila Bend	89	2	109	69	0.00	3.61	4.83
Grand Canyon	61	1	89	34	0.18	9.83	11.95
Kingman	78	1	96	52	0.50	3.16	7.38
Parker	89	1	111	65	0.00	1.57	3.64
Payson	70	-2	91	45	0.00	13.08	15.70
Phoenix	90	2	108	74	0.00	4.97	5.43
Prescott Airport	67	3	89	47	0.02	3.82	10.26
Safford Ag Center	78	-2	99	52	0.00	8.06	6.63
Tucson	83	2	102	68	0.00	5.39	8.43
Willcox	74	-1	95	50	0.00	8.71	9.28
Winslow	71	-2	92	43	0.00	5.13	5.46
Yuma	93	3	110	77	0.00	1.16	2.04

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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