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### Field Crops Report

For the week ending September 19, bolls have opened on 90 percent of the acreage compared to 92 percent last year and the five year average of 94 percent. Harvesting was underway in the Yuma area. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent very poor, 6 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. Forty-five percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

### Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 18 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

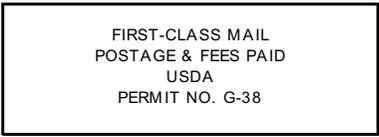
### Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending September 18. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Flagstaff and Safford to 5 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Parker and the lowest reading was 37 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Parker received the highest amount of rainfall at 1.15 inches and Willcox received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.07 inches.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 12 TO SEPTEMBER 18, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	66	6	91	49	0.15	4.74	6.64
Casa Grande	84	2	106	65	0.24	6.62	6.39
Coolidge	84	3	107	66	0.61	6.56	6.50
Douglas	74	4	98	56	0.08	6.36	10.06
Flagstaff	58	1	78	37	0.32	11.25	16.49
Gila Bend	87	3	109	69	0.00	3.61	4.97
Grand Canyon	59	4	84	39	0.08	9.91	12.29
Kingman	75	3	94	61	0.18	3.34	7.52
Parker	80	3	110	74	1.15	2.72	3.78
Payson	68	2	91	49	0.73	13.81	16.12
Phoenix	88	4	108	77	0.09	5.06	5.57
Prescott Airport	66	5	89	53	0.29	4.11	10.61
Safford Ag Center	76	1	100	56	0.12	8.18	6.86
Tucson	81	4	102	70	0.37	5.76	8.78
Willcox	72	3	95	54	0.07	8.78	9.56
Winslow	68	4	92	49	0.09	5.22	5.68
Yuma	88	3	108	73	0.00	1.16	2.11

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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