



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

## For Week Ending August 28, 2005

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### Field Crops

For the week ending August 28, cotton bolls have set on virtually all of the acreage. Bolls have opened on 40 percent of the acreage. Cotton condition is mostly good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions are mostly poor to good.

### Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, seeded watermelons and seedless watermelons.

#### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	27	60	10
Cotton	0	3	25	63	9
Range and Pasture	13	26	37	20	4

#### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Opening Bolls	40	30	58	60

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending August 27. Temperatures ranged from normal at Flagstaff and Willcox to six degrees above normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was in Flagstaff at 45 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 13 of the 17 reporting stations. Phoenix and Winslow received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.01 inches and Tucson received the highest amount of precipitation at 2.44 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 August 21 - August 27, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	72	2	92	55	0.00	8.55	5.92
Casa Grande	88	2	111	74	0.02	7.41	5.71
Coolidge	88	2	111	72	0.04	7.99	5.79
Douglas	77	1	97	59	1.08	9.90	8.75
Flagstaff	63	0	82	45	1.18	21.83	14.85
Gila Bend	92	2	111	77	0.32	4.22	4.40
Grand Canyon	64	2	86	46	0.16	14.59	11.13
Kingman	79	3	101	65	0.00	9.13	6.84
Parker	91	6	115	80	0.00	5.92	3.26
Payson	73	1	91	56	0.56	21.77	14.58
Phoenix	92	4	111	80	0.01	6.67	4.98
Prescott Airport	70	4	91	58	0.48	14.84	9.39
Safford Ag Center	80	1	100	62	0.06	7.00	5.90
Tucson	84	1	102	67	2.44	8.80	7.57
Willcox	77	0	98	60	0.49	8.27	8.41
Winslow	74	1	95	54	0.01	5.52	4.86
Yuma	92	5	113	83	0.00	5.66	1.85

- 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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