



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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Field Crops

For the week ending September 4, cotton bolls have opened on 50 percent of the acreage, considerably behind the 5-year average of 73 percent. 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 fair.

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	2	23	63	12
Cotton	0	6	25	65	4
Range and Pasture	21	23	34	17	5

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Opening Bolls	50	40	69	73

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending September 3. Temperatures ranged from normal at Flagstaff to six degrees above normal at Casa Grande and Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 117 degrees at Parker while the lowest reading was in Flagstaff at 44 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Douglas and Prescott received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.41 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 August 28 - September 3, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	71	3	94	52	0.06	8.61	6.19
Casa Grande	87	6	113	73	0.00	7.41	5.94
Coolidge	87	4	110	73	0.00	7.99	6.07
Douglas	76	3	98	62	0.01	9.91	9.21
Flagstaff	62	0	84	44	0.41	22.24	15.41
Gila Bend	91	5	114	79	0.06	4.28	4.66
Grand Canyon	63	4	90	45	0.12	14.71	11.55
Kingman	78	4	103	59	0.03	9.16	7.12
Parker	90	6	117	77	0.00	5.92	3.47
Payson	72	1	94	55	0.08	21.85	15.16
Phoenix	91	5	113	82	0.13	6.80	5.19
Prescott Airport	69	4	94	56	0.01	14.85	9.81
Safford Ag Center	79	2	103	62	0.03	7.03	6.25
Tucson	84	3	103	72	0.00	8.80	7.99
Willcox	76	2	98	60	0.00	8.27	8.87
Winslow	73	2	96	53	0.03	5.55	5.14
Yuma	91	5	113	80	0.00	5.66	1.96

- 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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