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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	24	61	12
Cotton	0	5	26	62	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton – Opening Bolls	65	50	81	86

Field Crops

For the week ending September 11, cotton bolls have opened on 65 percent of the acreage, considerably behind the 5-year average of 86 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

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

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending September 10. Temperatures ranged from normal at Kingman to five degrees above normal at Casa Grande. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Gila Bend and the lowest reading was Grand Canyon, at 44 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff and Phoenix received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.03 inches and Douglas received the highest amount at 1.51 inches. All of the reporting stations are above normal precipitation for this time of year except Gila Bend and Willcox.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During August, Arizona's rangeland and pasture received much needed rain. Conditions were mostly fair to good throughout the State. Arizona livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly fair to good. Pasture conditions were good to excellent at high elevations. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Low elevation conditions were poor to good. Livestock were in mostly good condition. Stock water was adequate, but soil moisture was only short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

Central pasture conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Grazing conditions at high and mid elevations were mostly fair to good. Low elevation rangeland was mostly fair, but a significant amount was in excellent condition. Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

Southern pastures were also in fair to excellent condition. Pasture conditions were mostly fair to good at low and mid elevations. Higher elevation pasture conditions were good to excellent. Livestock were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 September 4 - September 10, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	69	3	86	57	0.15	8.76	6.40
Casa Grande	86	5	107	70	0.00	7.41	6.15
Coolidge	86	4	106	70	0.00	7.99	6.28
Douglas	75	2	91	60	1.51	11.42	9.63
Flagstaff	60	1	77	46	0.03	22.27	15.93
Gila Bend	90	2	110	68	0.05	4.33	4.81
Grand Canyon	61	4	84	44	0.00	14.71	11.93
Kingman	77	0	98	49	0.00	9.16	7.35
Parker	89	2	109	74	0.00	5.92	3.62
Payson	70	2	87	51	0.13	21.98	15.64
Phoenix	90	3	107	74	0.03	6.83	5.40
Prescott Airport	68	4	88	53	0.08	14.93	10.21
Safford Ag Center	78	3	95	63	0.13	7.16	6.59
Tucson	83	3	99	72	0.05	8.85	8.38
Willcox	75	2	91	61	0.10	8.37	9.24
Winslow	71	3	93	49	0.28	5.83	5.42
Yuma	90	2	108	69	0.00	5.66	2.03

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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