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Field Crops

For the week ending September 18, **Cotton** bolls have opened on 75 percent of the acreage compared to 89 percent last year and the five year average of 93 percent. Harvesting is complete on 4 percent of the acreage compared to 3 percent last year and the five year average of 8 percent. **Cotton** condition remains mostly good.

Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State 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	3	25	57	15
Cotton	0	5	28	60	7
Range and Pasture	20	25	33	18	4

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	75	65	89	93
Harvest	4	1	3	8

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending September 17. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Tucson to 8 degrees below normal at Parker. The

highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at Casa Grande and the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 30 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 September 11 - September 17, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	66	-2	85	34	0.00	8.76	6.61
Casa Grande	84	-5	103	57	0.00	7.41	6.36
Coolidge	84	-5	100	58	0.00	7.99	6.48
Douglas	74	-2	95	45	0.00	11.42	10.01
Flagstaff	58	-4	72	30	0.00	22.27	16.42
Gila Bend	88	-6	101	60	0.00	4.33	4.95
Grand Canyon	59	-3	77	34	0.00	14.71	12.25
Kingman	75	-7	88	46	0.00	9.16	7.50
Parker	87	-8	98	61	0.00	5.92	3.76
Payson	68	-6	82	41	0.00	21.98	16.06
Phoenix	88	-3	99	70	0.00	6.83	5.55
Prescott Airport	66	-3	81	45	0.00	14.93	10.56
Safford Ag Center	76	-4	98	46	0.00	7.16	6.83
Tucson	81	-1	98	61	0.00	8.85	8.73
Willcox	73	-3	93	44	0.00	8.37	9.52
Winslow	69	-3	96	39	0.00	5.83	5.65
Yuma	88	-5	97	67	0.00	5.66	2.10

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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