



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending September 25, **Cotton** bolls have opened on 89 percent of the acreage compared to 94 percent last year and the five year average of 98 percent. Harvesting is complete on 11 percent of the acreage compared to 9 percent last year and the five year average of 12 percent. **Cotton** condition remains mostly good.

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

### Vegetables, Fruit & 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	8	30	52	10
Cotton	2	7	33	52	6
Range and Pasture	18	30	33	16	3

#### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	89	75	94	98
Harvest	11	4	9	12

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending September 24. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees above normal at Casa Grande and Prescott to 2 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, Kingman, Parker, Payson, and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Casa Grande, Gila Bend, and Parker.

The lowest reading was Flagstaff at 29 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations. Douglas received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.19 inches and Tucson received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.01 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 September 18 - September 24, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	64	4	88	43	0.00	8.76	6.82
Casa Grande	82	5	106	60	0.00	7.41	6.57
Coolidge	82	3	105	58	0.00	7.99	6.62
Douglas	72	4	96	57	0.19	11.61	10.36
Flagstaff	56	2	79	29	0.02	22.29	16.91
Gila Bend	85	3	106	63	0.00	4.33	5.03
Grand Canyon	57	4	84	31	0.07	14.78	12.53
Kingman	73	2	94	51	0.00	9.16	7.60
Parker	84	2	106	63	0.00	5.92	3.89
Payson	66	2	87	40	0.00	21.98	16.43
Phoenix	86	4	105	70	0.00	6.83	5.69
Prescott Airport	64	5	89	44	0.00	14.93	10.91
Safford Ag Center	74	4	99	54	0.09	7.25	7.04
Tucson	80	5	101	66	0.01	8.86	9.02
Willcox	71	4	99	53	0.04	8.41	9.78
Winslow	66	3	90	36	0.02	5.85	5.86
Yuma	86	2	103	70	0.00	5.66	2.17

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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