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Field Crops

For the week ending October 2, **Cotton** bolls have opened on 94 percent of the acreage compared to 98 percent last year and the five year average of 99 percent. Harvesting is complete on 15 percent of the acreage compared to 14 percent last year and the five year average of 17 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. Lemons were shipped from western Arizona.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	20	57	20
Cotton	1	6	30	54	9
Range and Pasture	9	34	31	20	6

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	94	89	98	99
Harvest	15	11	14	17

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending October 1. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Willcox to 1 degree above normal at Flagstaff. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Casa Grande. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at 31 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.03 inches, and Douglas, Flagstaff, and Grand Canyon received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.01 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 September 25 – October 1, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	61	4	89	42	0.03	8.79	7.03
Casa Grande	79	5	107	60	0.00	7.41	6.78
Coolidge	79	3	104	59	0.00	7.99	6.76
Douglas	70	5	98	49	0.01	11.62	10.71
Flagstaff	54	1	77	31	0.01	22.30	17.35
Gila Bend	83	3	106	64	0.00	4.33	5.10
Grand Canyon	55	3	82	35	0.01	14.79	12.81
Kingman	70	2	93	49	0.00	9.16	7.67
Parker	82	3	102	65	0.00	5.92	3.96
Payson	64	3	87	46	0.00	21.98	16.79
Phoenix	83	5	103	72	0.00	6.83	5.87
Prescott Airport	62	4	87	46	0.00	14.93	11.22
Safford Ag Center	72	5	100	50	0.00	7.25	7.25
Tucson	78	4	103	60	0.00	8.86	9.30
Willcox	68	6	97	45	0.00	8.41	9.99
Winslow	64	3	90	42	0.00	5.85	6.07
Yuma	84	4	104	69	0.00	5.66	2.19

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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