



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 9, **Cotton** bolls have opened on 96 percent of the acreage compared to 99 percent last year and the five year average of 100 percent. Harvesting is complete on 19 percent of the acreage compared to 19 percent last year and the five year average of 23 percent. **Cotton** condition remains mostly good.

**Alfalfa** harvest remained active on over half 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	5	26	48	21
Cotton	0	8	28	59	5
Range and Pasture	16	36	32	13	3

#### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	96	94	99	100
Harvest	19	15	19	23

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending October 8. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Casa Grande. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Casa Grande, Gila Bend, and Parker. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at 28

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 5 of the 17 reporting stations. Safford Ag Center received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.81 inches, and Payson received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.03 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 October 2 - October 8, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	58	6	83	37	0.00	8.79	7.24
Casa Grande	76	8	102	62	0.00	7.41	6.99
Coolidge	77	7	101	62	0.00	7.99	6.97
Douglas	68	5	94	53	0.00	11.62	11.06
Flagstaff	51	4	72	28	0.09	22.39	17.77
Gila Bend	80	5	102	62	0.00	4.33	5.17
Grand Canyon	52	6	78	37	0.00	14.79	13.09
Kingman	68	2	89	45	0.00	9.16	7.78
Parker	79	1	102	57	0.00	5.92	4.03
Payson	62	3	82	47	0.03	22.01	16.91
Phoenix	80	7	101	71	0.00	6.83	6.05
Prescott Airport	60	5	82	42	0.00	14.93	11.50
Safford Ag Center	69	6	94	55	0.81	8.06	7.46
Tucson	75	7	96	67	0.15	9.01	9.58
Willcox	66	5	91	54	0.12	8.53	10.27
Winslow	61	4	86	40	0.00	5.85	6.28
Yuma	81	3	100	67	0.00	5.66	2.22

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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