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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			-Percent-		
Alfalfa	0	4	19	54	23
Cotton	0	5	41	45	9

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
			-Percent-	
Cotton – Harvest	26	19	26	29

Field Crop

For the week ending October 16, cotton harvest is complete on 26 percent of the acreage compared to 26 percent last year and the five year average of 29 percent. Cotton condition is mostly fair to 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. Cantaloupes, honeydews, lemons, mixed melons, and miscellaneous melons were shipped from western Arizona.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending October 15. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Phoenix to 3 degrees below normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 98 degrees at Parker, while the lowest temperature occurred in Flagstaff at 25 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.27 inches, and Safford received the lowest amount at 0.03 inches.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During September, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were drying fast due to lack of significant rainfall. Grazing conditions were mostly fair to good throughout the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing conditions were mostly good to fair. Conditions were good to excellent at high elevations. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to good. Low elevation conditions ranged from poor to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Stock water was mostly short to adequate and soil moisture was short throughout the entire region. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from fair to good. Conditions at high, mid and low elevations were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in poor to good condition. Conditions were mostly poor to good at low elevations. Mid elevation condition was fair to good. Higher elevation range and pasture conditions were fair to excellent. Cattle and calves 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
 October 9 – October 15, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	55	-3	72	34	0.27	9.06	7.45
Casa Grande	74	-1	96	49	0.00	7.41	7.17
Coolidge	74	-2	94	48	0.00	7.99	7.18
Douglas	65	-2	80	38	0.04	11.66	11.40
Flagstaff	49	-3	66	25	0.05	22.44	18.19
Gila Bend	77	-3	97	51	0.00	4.33	5.29
Grand Canyon	50	-1	69	29	0.00	14.79	13.37
Kingman	66	-3	87	37	0.00	9.16	7.93
Parker	77	-1	98	53	0.00	5.92	4.10
Payson	59	-1	75	36	0.10	22.08	17.38
Phoenix	77	1	95	61	0.00	6.83	6.26
Prescott Airport	57	-1	76	36	0.00	14.93	11.78
Safford Ag Center	67	-3	84	39	0.01	8.06	7.74
Tucson	73	-3	88	50	0.00	9.01	9.86
Willcox	63	-1	80	36	0.04	8.57	10.61
Winslow	58	-3	78	31	0.03	5.88	6.49
Yuma	79	0	97	59	0.00	5.66	2.29

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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