



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 23, **Cotton** harvesting is complete on 33 percent of the acreage compared to 28 percent last year and the five year average of 39 percent. **Cotton** condition is mostly fair to 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. Cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed and miscellaneous melons, and lemons were shipped from western Arizona.

#### Crop Condition

|                   | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                   | -Percent- |      |      |      |           |
| Alfalfa           | 0         | 4    | 20   | 54   | 22        |
| Cotton            | 0         | 6    | 44   | 42   | 8         |
| Range and Pasture | 18        | 36   | 31   | 12   | 3         |

#### Crop Progress

|                | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Avg |
|----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
|                | -Percent- |           |           |            |
| Cotton Harvest | 33        | 26        | 28        | 39         |

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending October 22. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Parker and Yuma to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Coolidge. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at

29 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 17 reporting stations. Kingman received the highest amount of rainfall at 1.89 inches, and Safford Ag Center received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.03 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 October 16 - October 22, 2005**

| Station           | Temperatures |         |      |     | Precipitation 2/ |                |                |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Avg.         | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week        | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly  | 52           | 3       | 72   | 37  | 0.15             | 9.21           | 7.70           |
| Casa Grande       | 70           | 2       | 93   | 49  | 0.00             | 7.41           | 7.34           |
| Coolidge          | 70           | 1       | 94   | 49  | 0.98             | 8.97           | 7.39           |
| Douglas           | 62           | 2       | 87   | 38  | 0.00             | 11.66          | 11.68          |
| Flagstaff         | 46           | 2       | 65   | 29  | 1.43             | 23.87          | 18.61          |
| Gila Bend         | 74           | 1       | 91   | 60  | 0.05             | 4.38           | 5.43           |
| Grand Canyon      | 47           | 4       | 68   | 32  | 0.25             | 15.04          | 13.67          |
| Kingman           | 62           | 1       | 81   | 46  | 1.89             | 11.05          | 8.14           |
| Parker            | 73           | -3      | 85   | 56  | 0.79             | 6.71           | 4.17           |
| Payson            | 56           | 2       | 76   | 38  | 0.55             | 22.63          | 17.92          |
| Phoenix           | 74           | 1       | 91   | 58  | 0.17             | 7.00           | 6.46           |
| Prescott Airport  | 54           | 3       | 74   | 38  | 1.24             | 16.17          | 12.06          |
| Safford Ag Center | 63           | 4       | 88   | 48  | 0.03             | 8.09           | 8.02           |
| Tucson            | 69           | 2       | 89   | 50  | 0.10             | 9.11           | 10.14          |
| Willcox           | 60           | 2       | 85   | 40  | 0.00             | 8.57           | 10.96          |
| Winslow           | 54           | 3       | 79   | 34  | 0.16             | 6.04           | 6.70           |
| Yuma              | 75           | -3      | 89   | 57  | 0.33             | 5.99           | 2.36           |

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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