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Field Crops

For the week ending October 30, **Cotton** harvesting is complete on 45 percent of the acreage compared to 47 percent last year and the five year average of 51 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 and honeydews. 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	18	54	24
Cotton	0	7	48	38	7
Range and Pasture	19	41	26	11	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	–Percent–			
Cotton Harvest	45	33	47	51

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending October 29. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Douglas to 5 degrees above normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Parker. The lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff at 25 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 17 reporting stations. Grand Canyon received the highest amount of rainfall at 0.06 inches, and Kingman received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.01 inch.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 October 23 - October 29, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	4	73	35	0.00	9.21	7.98
Casa Grande	67	3	93	52	0.00	7.41	7.48
Coolidge	67	3	90	51	0.00	8.97	7.60
Douglas	60	-1	83	37	0.00	11.66	11.90
Flagstaff	43	1	64	27	0.02	23.89	19.08
Gila Bend	71	2	93	54	0.00	4.38	5.57
Grand Canyon	44	3	67	25	0.06	15.10	14.02
Kingman	59	3	80	43	0.01	11.06	8.39
Parker	70	5	94	58	0.00	6.71	4.24
Payson	53	2	75	37	0.00	22.63	18.48
Phoenix	70	5	90	62	0.00	7.00	6.60
Prescott Airport	51	3	71	39	0.00	16.17	12.27
Safford Ag Center	60	3	84	43	0.00	8.09	8.26
Tucson	66	3	87	51	0.00	9.11	10.41
Willcox	57	2	80	39	0.00	8.57	11.24
Winslow	52	4	77	33	0.00	6.04	6.90
Yuma	73	2	91	58	0.00	5.99	2.43

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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