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Field Crops

For the week ending August 13, virtually all cotton acreage has set bolls and twenty-nine percent of the acreage have bolls opening. The cotton harvest is still underway in the Yuma area. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly good. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central and western Arizona shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending August 13. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Buckeye and Paloma to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 48 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 20 of the 22 reporting stations. Aguila received the most at 3.06 inches and Roll received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. There are now 5 of 22 reporting stations to receive above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During July, Arizona's rangeland and pastures continued to be very dry even though some rain had fallen throughout the State. Grazing conditions were mostly poor to fair depending on location. High elevation pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Mid and low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing condition was mostly poor, but a substantial amount was in fair to good condition. High elevation pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. Mid elevation conditions ranged from very poor to fair. Low elevation pastures were in poor condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short throughout the region. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair but some areas were in good to excellent condition. Rains were intermittent and scattered, helping to replenish stock tanks. High and low elevation pasture conditions were mostly fair with some areas, however, in good to excellent condition. Mid elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in mostly poor to good condition. Various amounts of rain were recorded in July with some areas receiving too much too fast and causing some flood damage. Conditions of pastureland varied from poor to good at high and mid elevation pastures. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 August 7 - August 13, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	85	6	104	68	3.06	4.13	-1.68
Buckeye	90	-2	108	73	0.09	1.61	-2.34
Canyon De Chelly	76	2	92	55	0.77	5.90	0.56
Coolidge	90	4	107	72	0.31	3.71	-0.64
Douglas	79	2	93	63	1.29	6.29	-1.07
Flagstaff	66	1	81	50	0.47	9.24	-4.06
Grand Canyon	67	7	87	48	1.25	6.37	-6.21
Kingman	84	3	100	67	0.00	2.81	-2.87
Marana	87	1	101	70	0.12	9.11	2.81
Maricopa	90	2	107	72	0.37	3.95	-0.16
Paloma	90	-2	109	71	0.30	2.10	-1.78
Parker	92	2	109	73	0.85	1.11	-1.37
Payson	76	2	90	60	0.86	5.63	-6.69
Phoenix	94	3	108	73	1.10	3.96	0.01
Prescott	75	5	91	62	0.07	4.51	-6.96
Roll	92	1	110	70	0.01	1.14	-0.36
Safford	82	0	97	69	0.35	5.10	0.18
St. Johns	77	5	92	63	0.25	3.72	-2.55
Tucson	86	2	100	70	1.06	7.41	1.07
Willcox	82	6	96	69	0.70	6.30	-0.63
Winslow	78	2	93	60	0.28	1.68	-2.57
Yuma	93	2	108	71	0.00	0.51	-1.01

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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