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Field Crops

For the week ending August 27, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 38 percent of the acreage, one percentage point lower than last year and fifteen percentage points lower than the five year average. Cotton harvest is gaining momentum in the Yuma area. 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. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly very poor to poor.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	5	33	51	11
Cotton	0	1	47	44	8
Range and Pasture	41	28	19	9	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	38	34	39	53

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending August 27. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Paloma to 6 degrees above normal at Aguila and Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand

Canyon at 36 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 19 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most precipitation at 1.27 inches. Aguila received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. There are 4 of 22 reporting stations above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 August 21 - August 27, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal
Aguila	84	6	104	60	0.01	4.14	-2.26
Buckeye	89	-1	109	70	0.18	1.79	-2.58
Canyon De Chelly	73	2	89	52	0.39	6.29	0.39
Coolidge	86	2	106	68	0.12	4.03	-0.78
Douglas	76	-1	91	59	0.29	6.92	-1.69
Flagstaff	63	0	82	39	0.63	10.85	-3.64
Grand Canyon	64	6	86	36	0.34	7.88	-5.63
Kingman	82	3	102	60	0.31	3.12	-3.26
Marana	85	1	101	70	0.00	9.11	1.84
Maricopa	87	0	106	71	0.00	3.98	-0.47
Paloma	88	-3	106	69	0.16	2.30	-2.02
Parker	91	3	113	63	0.04	1.15	-1.54
Payson	72	-1	90	55	1.27	7.15	-6.61
Phoenix	92	2	108	78	0.19	4.15	-0.22
Prescott	72	4	90	50	0.50	6.13	-6.83
Roll	91	-1	111	68	0.08	1.22	-0.58
Safford	78	-2	92	61	0.20	6.28	0.66
St. Johns	74	4	91	59	0.89	5.03	-2.22
Tucson	83	-1	98	69	0.76	9.34	2.05
Willcox	80	5	95	64	0.45	7.40	-0.70
Winslow	74	0	92	51	0.02	1.94	-2.89
Yuma	92	2	110	70	0.00	0.51	-1.15

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

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