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Field Crops

For the week ending September 10, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 75 percent of the acreage, twelve percentage points higher than last year but five percentage points lower than the five year average. Cotton harvest slowed due to rain 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.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending September 10. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Buckeye to 5 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 105 degrees at Roll and Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Canyon De Chelly at 34 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 21 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most at 1.76 inches and Maricopa received the lowest precipitation at 0.02 inches. There are now 5 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During August, Arizona's rangeland and pastures received much needed rain and moisture throughout the State. Grazing conditions were mostly fair to excellent depending on location. High elevation pastures were in good to excellent condition. Mid and low elevation conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Soil moisture and stock water supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

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

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was in fair to excellent condition. Good monsoon rains brought needed moisture to the region. High elevation pasture conditions were good to excellent condition. Mid elevation conditions were fair to excellent, but a substantial amount was in fair condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly adequate. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in fair to excellent condition. Conditions of pastureland varied from fair to good at high elevation, but a substantial amount was in excellent condition. Mid elevation pastures were in good to excellent condition. Lower elevation range and pasture condition was mostly fair to good, but a substantial amount was in good condition. Cattle and calves were in good condition. Stock water and soil moisture supplies were mostly adequate. Insect damage was mostly light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 September 4 - September 10, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent From Normal
Aguila	78	-3	96	63	0.71	5.34	-1.57	77
Buckeye	83	-6	100	68	0.20	2.34	-2.45	49
Canyon De Chelly	65	-4	88	34	0.00	6.32	-0.07	99
Coolidge	81	-3	95	66	0.12	5.10	0.03	101
Douglas	71	-4	83	59	1.20	8.21	-1.39	86
Flagstaff	58	-2	77	42	0.38	11.78	-3.77	76
Grand Canyon	60	5	83	40	0.54	8.54	-5.73	60
Kingman	78	2	96	59	1.48	4.60	-2.31	67
Marana	80	-4	97	66	0.63	10.05	2.27	129
Maricopa	83	-3	98	68	0.02	4.00	-0.75	84
Paloma	84	-5	100	69	0.63	2.93	-1.70	63
Parker	87	1	105	68	0.65	1.80	-1.03	64
Payson	66	-3	82	49	1.76	10.45	-4.50	70
Phoenix	86	-3	99	73	0.33	4.93	0.14	103
Prescott	69	3	86	51	1.07	7.22	-6.94	51
Roll	88	-2	105	72	0.11	1.33	-0.66	67
Safford	74	-5	90	58	0.07	6.35	0.05	101
St. Johns	70	3	90	54	0.47	5.98	-2.07	74
Tucson	78	-5	92	66	1.55	10.89	2.76	134
Willcox	71	-3	89	57	0.75	8.22	-0.75	92
Winslow	69	-3	89	49	0.11	2.10	-3.20	40
Yuma	88	-2	102	73	0.28	0.79	-1.12	41

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

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