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Field Crops

For the week ending September 17, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 80 percent of the acreage, six percentage points higher than last year but eight percentage points lower than the five year average. Harvesting is complete on 10 percent of the acreage compared to 4 percent last year and the five year average of 6 percent. 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 fair.

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	34	49	12
Cotton	0	5	43	42	10
Range and Pasture	31	22	29	15	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	80	75	74	88
Cotton – Harvested	10	7	4	6

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending September 17. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees below normal at Paloma to 3 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 Grand

Canyon at 25 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 22 reporting stations. Douglas received the most precipitation at 1.25 inches. St. Johns received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. There are 4 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 September 11 - September 17, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	77	-5	100	51	0.30	5.64	-1.48	79
Buckeye	81	-6	101	54	0.10	2.44	-2.56	49
Canyon De Chelly	63	-4	84	37	0.44	6.76	0.16	102
Coolidge	79	-3	98	58	0.00	5.10	-0.04	99
Douglas	70	-4	87	51	1.25	9.46	-0.56	94
Flagstaff	55	-3	74	30	0.48	12.26	-3.78	76
Grand Canyon	56	3	78	25	0.21	8.75	-5.87	60
Kingman	73	-3	93	47	0.00	4.60	-2.52	65
Marana	78	-5	96	57	0.00	10.05	2.16	127
Maricopa	81	-3	100	60	0.00	4.00	-0.89	82
Paloma	80	-7	101	51	0.14	3.07	-1.63	65
Parker	82	-3	105	56	0.00	1.80	-1.10	62
Payson	66	-2	87	49	0.38	10.83	-4.61	70
Phoenix	87	1	101	71	0.00	4.93	-0.07	99
Prescott	65	0	83	41	0.17	7.39	-7.25	50
Roll	82	-6	105	53	0.18	1.51	-0.55	73
Safford	72	-4	93	51	1.02	7.37	0.73	111
St. Johns	67	1	86	40	0.01	5.99	-2.40	71
Tucson	77	-5	92	61	0.05	10.94	2.39	128
Willcox	69	-4	90	48	0.26	8.48	-0.84	91
Winslow	67	-2	87	38	0.21	2.31	-3.20	42
Yuma	83	-5	104	54	0.00	0.79	-1.33	37

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

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