



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending September 24, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 84 percent of the acreage, three percentage points lower than last year and eleven percentage points lower than the five year average. Harvesting is complete on 15 percent of the acreage compared to 10 percent last year and the five year average of 10 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	1	10	32	44	13
Cotton	0	8	39	43	10
Range and Pasture	32	20	30	15	3

#### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5- Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	84	80	87	95
Cotton – Harvested	15	10	10	10

#### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending September 24. Temperatures ranged from 12 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 3 degrees below normal at Phoenix and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon

at 22 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 22 reporting stations. Winslow received the only precipitation at 0.01 of an inch. There are 3 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 September 18 - September 24, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	71	-9	91	50	0.00	5.64	-1.68	77
Buckeye	76	-9	97	55	0.00	2.44	-2.77	47
Canyon De Chelly	53	-12	81	29	0.00	6.76	-0.05	99
Coolidge	76	-5	96	52	0.00	5.10	-0.11	98
Douglas	68	-4	85	48	0.00	9.46	-0.93	91
Flagstaff	51	-6	69	27	0.00	12.26	-4.22	74
Grand Canyon	49	-4	73	22	0.00	8.75	-6.17	59
Kingman	66	-8	86	44	0.00	4.60	-2.66	63
Marana	75	-5	95	56	0.00	10.05	2.09	126
Maricopa	76	-6	97	54	0.00	4.00	-1.03	80
Paloma	75	-9	96	53	0.00	3.07	-1.70	64
Parker	76	-7	98	55	0.00	1.80	-1.17	61
Payson	60	-6	79	38	0.00	10.83	-5.06	68
Phoenix	82	-3	98	67	0.00	4.93	-0.28	95
Prescott	59	-5	78	37	0.00	7.39	-7.65	49
Roll	77	-8	99	54	0.00	1.51	-0.62	71
Safford	69	-6	89	49	0.00	7.37	0.45	107
St. Johns	60	-5	85	30	0.00	5.99	-2.68	69
Tucson	76	-4	93	60	0.00	10.94	2.04	123
Willcox	68	-3	89	47	0.00	8.48	-1.13	88
Winslow	59	-8	84	36	0.01	2.32	-3.40	41
Yuma	77	-9	98	56	0.00	0.79	-1.50	34

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

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