



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

## For Week Ending October 1, 2006

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 1, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 93 percent of the acreage, the same as last year but five percentage points lower than the five year average. Harvesting is complete on 19 percent of the acreage compared to 14 percent last year and the five year average of 15 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

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

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Western Arizona growers shipped lemons last week.

#### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	11	34	41	13
Cotton	0	9	37	43	11
Range and Pasture	31	19	33	14	3

#### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	93	84	93	98
– Harvested	19	15	14	15

#### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending October 1. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 6 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at

Yuma, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 29 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. 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 25 - October 1, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	78	2	99	56	0.00	5.64	-1.82	76
Buckeye	81	1	102	59	0.00	2.44	-2.94	45
Canyon De Chelly	58	-3	82	34	0.00	6.76	-0.26	96
Coolidge	80	3	102	55	0.00	5.10	-0.19	96
Douglas	69	-1	91	47	0.00	9.46	-1.28	88
Flagstaff	54	1	77	30	0.00	12.26	-4.64	73
Grand Canyon	54	4	79	29	0.00	8.75	-6.46	58
Kingman	72	2	92	48	0.00	4.60	-2.80	62
Marana	81	4	101	62	0.00	10.05	2.00	125
Maricopa	81	3	102	55	0.00	4.00	-1.17	77
Paloma	81	1	104	56	0.00	3.07	-1.74	64
Parker	82	2	105	60	0.00	1.80	-1.22	60
Payson	66	3	86	47	0.00	10.83	-5.48	66
Phoenix	87	6	102	72	0.00	4.93	-0.45	92
Prescott	66	6	86	44	0.00	7.39	-7.99	48
Roll	84	3	105	60	0.00	1.51	-0.69	69
Safford	72	1	93	49	0.00	7.37	0.17	102
St. Johns	64	3	88	40	0.00	5.99	-2.96	67
Tucson	81	4	98	63	0.00	10.94	1.69	118
Willcox	70	3	92	45	0.00	8.48	-1.41	86
Winslow	64	0	87	40	0.00	2.32	-3.61	39
Yuma	84	2	106	63	0.00	0.79	-1.64	33

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

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