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Field Crops

For the week ending October 8, cotton bolls opening has occurred on 96 percent of the acreage, the same as last year but three percentage points lower than the five year average. Harvesting is complete on 21 percent of the acreage compared to 18 percent last year and the five year average of 20 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

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and lemons last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	13	34	39	13
Cotton	0	10	32	48	10
Range and Pasture	36	17	29	15	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Bolls Opening	96	93	96	99
– Harvested	21	19	18	20

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending October 8. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Yuma to 11 degrees above normal at Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 101 degrees at various locations, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 27

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the most precipitation at 1.01 inches. Paloma received the lowest precipitation at 0.01 inches. There are 3 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 October 2 - October 8, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	73	-2	93	43	0.05	5.69	-1.91	75
Buckeye	78	0	99	51	0.02	2.46	-3.08	44
Canyon De Chelly	66	8	85	45	1.01	7.77	0.54	107
Coolidge	78	4	101	53	0.08	5.18	-0.25	95
Douglas	72	6	92	51	0.08	9.54	-1.49	86
Flagstaff	54	4	73	31	0.57	12.83	-4.45	74
Grand Canyon	55	8	78	27	0.66	9.41	-6.10	61
Kingman	70	2	93	43	0.12	4.72	-2.82	63
Marana	79	5	98	61	0.20	10.25	2.06	125
Maricopa	79	4	101	53	0.00	4.00	-1.31	75
Paloma	75	-2	98	49	0.01	3.08	-1.80	63
Parker	77	-2	100	49	0.00	1.80	-1.29	58
Payson	66	5	84	46	0.74	11.57	-5.16	69
Phoenix	86	7	101	66	0.09	5.02	-0.52	91
Prescott	65	7	83	40	0.15	7.54	-8.12	48
Roll	78	0	101	50	0.00	1.51	-0.76	67
Safford	79	11	98	57	0.07	7.44	-0.04	99
St. Johns	68	10	88	47	0.23	6.22	-3.01	67
Tucson	80	6	98	59	0.09	11.03	1.50	116
Willcox	70	6	92	50	0.07	8.55	-1.62	84
Winslow	68	8	88	43	0.13	2.45	-3.69	40
Yuma	78	-3	98	52	0.00	0.79	-1.75	31

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

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