



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

## For Week Ending October 22, 2006

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 22, cotton harvesting is complete on 34 percent of the acreage compared to 32 percent last year and the five year average of 35 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

### Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

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

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	16	43	27	13
Cotton	0	9	35	46	10
Range and Pasture	4	5	43	34	14

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Harvested	34	26	32	35

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending October 22. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 3 degrees below normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 91 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon

and Flagstaff at 20 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 8 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most precipitation at 0.45 inches. Safford 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  
 October 16 - October 22, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	63	-5	87	44	0.00	5.83	-2.05	74
Buckeye	67	-4	89	45	0.00	2.54	-3.28	44
Canyon De Chelly	45	-9	70	26	0.05	8.62	0.86	111
Coolidge	65	-5	89	40	0.00	5.18	-0.57	90
Douglas	57	-6	79	32	0.17	10.02	-1.51	87
Flagstaff	41	-6	63	20	0.45	14.49	-3.49	81
Grand Canyon	41	-3	61	20	0.06	10.55	-5.66	65
Kingman	57	-6	77	37	0.00	4.83	-2.99	62
Marana	66	-5	86	45	0.00	11.02	2.43	128
Maricopa	66	-5	88	44	0.00	4.03	-1.51	73
Paloma	65	-6	90	41	0.00	3.16	-1.75	64
Parker	68	-5	88	47	0.00	2.13	-1.00	68
Payson	50	-7	70	30	0.08	11.97	-5.50	69
Phoenix	71	-3	87	57	0.00	5.15	-0.67	88
Prescott	51	-3	72	31	0.04	7.91	-8.20	49
Roll	68	-4	91	44	0.00	1.53	-0.88	63
Safford	58	-6	80	35	0.01	8.66	0.72	109
St. Johns	50	-4	69	29	0.11	7.12	-2.56	74
Tucson	65	-5	84	45	0.00	11.13	1.12	111
Willcox	55	-6	81	31	0.00	9.16	-1.57	85
Winslow	50	-6	73	25	0.00	2.61	-3.95	40
Yuma	70	-5	90	49	0.00	0.79	-1.87	30

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

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