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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 25 percent completed across the State. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and lemons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal in the State for the week ending October 14. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees below normal at Parker and Yuma to 6 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 99 degrees at Marana and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 23 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 reporting stations. St. Johns received the most at 0.06 inches of precipitation and Safford received the least with 0.02 inches. Three stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During September, Arizona's rangeland and pastures continue with good moisture carried over from this summer. The State's rangeland and pasture condition was poor to good, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to mostly good, depending on location. High elevation conditions were good. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to good. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate, but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good in high, mid, and low elevation locations. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate and soil moisture was short. Insect damage was mostly moderate to heavy.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent. High elevation conditions were good to excellent. Mid and low elevation conditions were all fair to excellent depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate and soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 October 8 - October 14, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	67	-4	91	46	0.00	4.11	-3.61	53
Buckeye	71	-4	94	47	0.00	2.96	-2.70	52
Canyon De Chelly	55	0	80	27	0.00	6.60	-0.84	89
Coolidge	69	-4	98	39	0.00	4.12	-1.43	74
Douglas	68	4	92	40	0.00	11.28	0.01	100
Flagstaff	48	-2	71	29	0.00	11.65	-5.93	66
Grand Canyon	47	2	75	23	0.00	10.54	-5.27	67
Kingman	64	-3	84	45	0.00	1.91	-5.75	25
Marana	73	1	99	51	0.00	5.72	-2.63	69
Maricopa	72	-3	97	44	0.00	3.90	-1.53	72
Paloma	70	-5	93	47	0.00	2.86	-2.05	58
Parker	70	-6	93	47	0.00	0.80	-2.33	26
Payson	59	1	82	38	0.00	13.51	-3.56	79
Phoenix	78	2	96	60	0.00	2.71	-2.95	48
Prescott	58	2	81	34	0.00	6.09	-9.78	38
Roll	71	-5	95	45	0.00	0.92	-1.41	39
Safford	70	4	95	39	0.02	9.25	1.55	120
St. Johns	59	3	83	28	0.06	8.53	-0.91	90
Tucson	73	2	96	51	0.00	8.24	-1.53	84
Willcox	68	6	92	42	0.00	11.71	1.29	112
Winslow	59	1	87	32	0.00	5.11	-1.21	81
Yuma	72	-6	93	47	0.00	0.34	-2.26	13

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

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