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Field Crops

Cotton squaring is virtually complete across the State. Seventy percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls, with 10 percent of the bolls opening. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	26	59	11
Cotton	0	0	26	64	10
Range and Pasture	24	14	25	28	9

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	70	60	87	89
• Bolls Opening	10	5	17	11

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 3, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Paloma and Roll to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Roll, and

the lowest reading of 42 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 6 of the 22 stations. Prescott received the most at 0.76 inches of precipitation and Canyon De Chelly received the least with 0.20 inches.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 July 28 - August 3, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	88	6	108	64	0.00	4.19	-1.18	78
Buckeye	93	2	113	72	0.00	2.26	-1.42	61
Canyon De Chelly	78	4	101	58	0.20	5.59	0.69	114
Coolidge	89	2	109	64	0.00	2.68	-1.33	67
Douglas	81	4	99	65	0.31	4.17	-2.23	65
Flagstaff	70	5	89	53	0.00	10.19	-2.27	82
Grand Canyon	68	7	92	42	0.00	7.39	-4.54	62
Kingman	86	4	105	69	0.00	3.90	-1.34	74
Marana	89	3	109	71	0.64	4.25	-1.33	76
Maricopa	93	5	112	72	0.00	4.57	0.73	119
Paloma	90	-2	112	67	0.00	2.16	-1.40	61
Parker	93	3	112	71	0.00	1.96	-0.42	82
Payson	78	4	98	58	0.24	9.82	-1.51	87
Phoenix	98	5	113	82	0.00	4.57	0.89	124
Prescott	79	7	98	61	0.76	7.81	-2.58	75
Roll	91	-2	114	63	0.00	1.10	-0.21	84
Safford	82	0	101	63	0.00	3.78	-0.69	85
St. Johns	79	5	98	57	0.00	4.06	-1.52	73
Tucson	88	3	106	72	0.00	5.41	-0.25	96
Willcox	81	3	101	61	0.00	6.63	0.55	109
Winslow	81	3	101	60	0.53	2.72	-1.08	72
Yuma	95	2	112	80	0.00	1.25	-0.06	95

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

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