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RAINS HAVE IMPROVED RANGE AND PASTURE CONDITIONS

Early monsoon rains have helped conditions improve, but more precipitation is needed. Pastures throughout the state were still reported to be in poor to fair condition. Livestock were reported in fair condition. Heavy rains in parts of the state have helped some stock ponds fill, but many dirt tanks still remain dry. Stock water throughout the State was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as light with some grasshopper damage still reported in Apache and Navajo county.

Overall, Northern grazing conditions ranged from very poor to good during June. High elevation pastures were reported in poor to good condition. Mid level pastures were reported in very poor to good condition, while low level pastures were reported in very poor to fair condition. Livestock condition improved slightly from last month, being reported as fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as light.

Central Arizona pasture conditions were reported in fair to good conditions at high level elevations, very poor to good condition at mid level, and poor to fair at low elevations. Livestock conditions worsened slightly, being reported as poor to fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was widely reported as none to light.

Southern pasture conditions were reported in fair to good condition at high level elevations. Mid level and low level elevations reported conditions ranging from poor to fair. Livestock conditions were reported as poor to fair. Stock water was reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

As of July 9, **Cotton** squaring is ahead of last year and the 5 year average. **Cotton** was reported as 99 percent squared, compared to 94 percent last year and 94 percent for the 5 year average. **Cotton** setting bolls was reported

as 50 percent complete, compared to 38 percent last year and 47 percent for the 5 year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained relatively constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 53 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 11 percent moderate, and 33 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 16 percent very poor, 33 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 15 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State were below average for the week of July 9. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly to 5 degrees below normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperatures of the week were 109 degrees at Coolidge and Parker, while the lowest readings were 40 degrees at Grand Canyon and Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported throughout the State. Precipitation ranged from 0.93 inches at Douglas to 0.02 inches at Coolidge.

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **beauty, flames and perlette grapes, cantaloupes, honeydews, watermelons** and **zante currants**. As western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped an assortment of grapes and melons. **Grape** shipments included **beauty, flame and perlette**. **Melon** shipments included **canary, cantaloupes, casaba, crenshaw, honeydew, orange flesh, persian, santa claus, sharlyn, specialty and watermelons**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **grapefruit and valencias**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit** last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JULY 2-JULY 8, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	1	96	55	0.50	3.03	3.61
Casa Grande	90	0	108	71	0.00	2.19	2.98
Coolidge	89	-2	109	61	0.02	2.41	3.34
Douglas	80	-1	95	63	0.93	3.82	3.18
Flagstaff	65	-3	80	40	0.08	6.68	9.80
Gila Bend	93	-5	107	64	0.00	2.25	2.30
Grand Canyon	66	-2	85	40	0.16	6.55	6.68
Kingman	82	-3	96	58	0.03	2.22	4.04
Parker	93	-2	109	72	0.00	0.66	1.86
Payson	75	-2	94	50	0.00	7.34	8.65
Phoenix	93	-2	105	76	0.23	3.56	2.86
Prescott Airport	74	-4	87	50	0.09	3.93	4.59
Safford Ag Center	82	0	101	62	0.00	1.45	2.79
Tucson	87	-2	100	70	0.00	2.74	3.41
Willcox	80	-1	97	58	0.00	3.01	3.49
Winslow	77	-1	95	54	0.33	2.15	2.62
Yuma	93	-3	106	75	0.00	0.30	0.98

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

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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