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COTTON CONTINUES TO PROGRESS AHEAD OF AVERAGE

As of July 23, **Cotton** squaring remains ahead of last year and the 5 year average. **Cotton** was reported as 100 percent squared, compared to 98 percent last year and 99 percent for the 5 year average. **Cotton** setting bolls was reported as 82 percent complete, compared to 71 percent last year and 78 percent for the 5 year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 54 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 12 percent moderate, and 29 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 17 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 25 percent very poor, 29 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 10 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 above average for the week of July 23. Temperatures ranged from 5 degree above normal at Safford and Prescott to 0 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperatures of the week was 116 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 37 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at four stations. Precipitation ranged from 1.08 inches at Tucson to 0.17 inches at Payson. Precipitation throughout the state is 30 percent less than normal so far this year.

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped **watermelons**. As the western Arizona vegetable season nears its conclusion, producers shipped **flame seedless grapes**, **perlette grapes**, 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 16-JULY 22, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	75	1	102	42	0.00	3.10	4.24
Casa Grande	92	1	114	76	0.00	2.19	3.41
Coolidge	91	2	116	69	0.00	2.41	3.76
Douglas	79	4	101	61	0.69	4.97	4.74
Flagstaff	67	2	90	43	0.00	6.68	11.12
Gila Bend	95	1	115	76	0.00	2.25	2.59
Grand Canyon	68	0	94	37	0.00	6.55	7.44
Kingman	83	3	106	63	0.00	2.22	4.54
Parker	95	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	2.00
Payson	76	3	104	55	0.17	7.51	9.91
Phoenix	94	3	113	81	0.00	3.56	3.26
Prescott Airport	76	5	98	56	0.42	4.97	5.89
Safford Ag Center	83	5	107	68	0.00	1.45	3.60
Tucson	87	4	109	73	1.08	4.08	4.54
Willcox	79	4	103	63	0.00	3.01	4.78
Winslow	79	2	103	56	0.00	2.15	3.16
Yuma	94	3	115	80	0.00	0.30	1.12

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.