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COTTON PROGRESS AHEAD OF FIVE YEAR AVERAGE

As of August 20, **Cotton** bolls opening remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 58 percent of bolls open, compared to 20 percent last year and 34 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 24 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 44 percent not being harvested, 6 percent light, 25 percent moderate, and 25 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture conditions improved slightly in some areas due to monsoon rains. Conditions were reported as 18 percent very poor, 35 percent poor, 34 percent fair, and 13 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 to adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of August 20. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly to 1 degree above normal at Flagstaff. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 42 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at fourteen stations. Precipitation ranged from 1.43 inches at Willcox to 0.03 inches at Safford.

Producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons last week.

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TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 13-AUGUST 19, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	6	96	60	0.65	3.85	5.58
Casa Grande	89	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	2.19	4.91
Coolidge	88	3	113	70	0.05	2.74	4.83
Douglas	77	3	98	63	0.47	6.72	8.04
Flagstaff	64	1	83	47	0.59	8.79	13.84
Gila Bend	92	4	110	81	0.16	2.52	3.62
Grand Canyon	65	2	85	42	1.02	7.95	9.56
Kingman	80	4	97	64	0.21	2.43	6.07
Parker	92	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	2.44
Payson	74	3	96	58	0.18	9.12	12.90
Phoenix	92	2	110	77	0.20	3.81	4.13
Prescott Airport	72	2	89	58	0.93	6.98	8.74
Safford Ag Center	80	4	104	64	0.03	2.92	5.30
Tucson	84	3	105	70	0.61	5.22	6.76
Willcox	77	3	98	64	1.43	5.41	7.50
Winslow	76	2	97	58	0.30	2.53	4.51
Yuma	93	3	109	82	0.00	0.30	1.64

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.