



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## COTTON HARVEST BEGINNING

As of September 17, **Cotton** bolls opening remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 96 percent of bolls open, compared to 86 percent last year and 93 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** was also reported as 10 percent harvested, compared to 1 percent last year, and 6 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 24 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 38 percent not being harvested, 30 percent moderate, and 32 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 10 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 18 percent excellent.

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 9 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 24 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

**Livestock** were reported to be in 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 September 17. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Phoenix to degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 36 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at three stations. Precipitation ranged from .15 inches at Douglas to .03 inches at Willcox with fourteen stations reporting no precipitation.

Last week producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons.



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**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 10-SEPTEMBER 16, 2000**

| Station           | Temperatures |         |      |     | Precipitation 2/ |                |                |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Avg.         | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week        | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly  | 67           | 2       | 95   | 36  | 0.00             | 4.56           | 6.57           |
| Casa Grande       | 84           | n/a     | n/a  | n/a | 0.00             | 2.19           | 6.21           |
| Coolidge          | 83           | 5       | 114  | 64  | 0.00             | 2.92           | 5.75           |
| Douglas           | 74           | 4       | 99   | 57  | 0.05             | 8.63           | 10.01          |
| Flagstaff         | 58           | 6       | 88   | 37  | 0.15             | 9.82           | 15.97          |
| Gila Bend         | 88           | 4       | 113  | 72  | 0.00             | 3.11           | 4.55           |
| Grand Canyon      | 59           | 6       | 87   | 43  | 0.00             | 10.83          | 11.28          |
| Kingman           | 75           | 4       | 101  | 55  | 0.00             | 4.36           | 7.06           |
| Parker            | 87           | n/a     | n/a  | n/a | 0.00             | 0.66           | 2.95           |
| Payson            | 68           | 6       | 99   | 50  | 0.00             | 11.59          | 15.38          |
| Phoenix           | 87           | 7       | 112  | 79  | 0.00             | 4.20           | 4.97           |
| Prescott Airport  | 68           | 5       | 94   | 52  | 0.00             | 8.10           | 10.31          |
| Safford Ag Center | 76           | 4       | 104  | 56  | 0.00             | 4.53           | 6.59           |
| Tucson            | 81           | 6       | 107  | 67  | 0.00             | 6.03           | 8.49           |
| Willcox           | 72           | 4       | 97   | 53  | 0.03             | 5.90           | 9.21           |
| Winslow           | 69           | 5       | 96   | 50  | 0.00             | 3.12           | 5.48           |
| Yuma              | 88           | 6       | 112  | 79  | 0.00             | 0.74           | 2.05           |

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.