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### Field Crops Report

As of October 1, **Cotton** harvest remains ahead of last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 21 percent harvested, compared to 8 percent last year, and 15 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity remained relatively constant compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 37 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 30 percent moderate, and 28 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 20 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

### Livestock, Pasture and Range Report

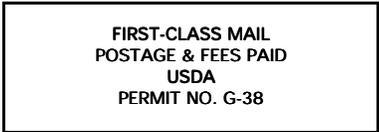
**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 8 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short to adequate. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

### Weather Information

Temperatures throughout the State generally remained above average for the week of October 1. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Phoenix to 2 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 108 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 24 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at seven stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Payson to 0.35 inches at Canyon De Chelly with ten stations reporting no precipitation.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped watermelons last week. Producers in eastern Arizona shipped chili peppers and apples while producers in western Arizona shipped watermelons.



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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 24-SEPTEMBER 30, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	-2	87	24	0.35	4.91	6.99
Casa Grande	80	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	2.19	6.53
Coolidge	79	5	108	51	0.00	2.92	6.07
Douglas	71	4	96	55	0.00	8.65	10.69
Flagstaff	54	2	78	32	0.28	10.10	16.84
Gila Bend	83	2	104	52	0.00	3.11	4.81
Grand Canyon	55	4	81	28	0.24	11.07	12.05
Kingman	72	1	93	47	0.00	4.36	7.38
Parker	83	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	3.13
Payson	65	5	94	42	0.01	11.60	16.25
Phoenix	82	6	103	67	0.00	4.20	5.35
Prescott Airport	64	2	88	37	0.00	8.10	10.73
Safford Ag Center	72	5	100	50	0.00	4.56	7.16
Tucson	78	5	101	59	0.02	6.05	9.20
Willcox	69	4	94	53	0.10	6.13	9.86
Winslow	65	-2	87	36	0.08	3.20	5.90
Yuma	83	2	100	67	0.00	0.74	2.19

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.