



Issue: AZ-CW4000

ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

For Week Ending October 8, 2000

Released October 10, 2000, by the Arizona Agricultural Statistics Service and University of Arizona, College of Agriculture, 3003 N Central Avenue, Suite 950, Phoenix, Arizona 85012-2994, (602) 280-8850, Fax: (602) 280-8897, www.nass.usda.gov/az/ . To receive this information via email send a message to listserv@newsbox.usda.gov and include in the BODY of the message: subscribe usda-az-crop-weather John Doe (replace with your name).

Field Crops Report

As of October 8, **Cotton** harvest remains ahead of both last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 27 percent harvested, compared to 12 percent last year, and 19 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 9 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 44 percent good, and 25 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity increased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 28 percent not being harvested, 10 percent light, 31 percent moderate, and 31 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 13 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

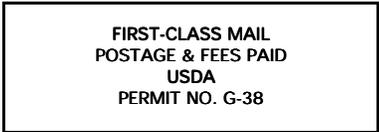
Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 11 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 40 percent fair, and 23 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Weather Information

Temperatures throughout the State remained above average for the week of October 8. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Douglas, Safford and Willcox to 4 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Gila Bend and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 105 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 33 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at ten stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Yuma to 0.39 inches at Winslow with seven stations reporting no precipitation.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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



OFFICIAL BUSINESS
 Penalty For Private Use \$300

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

www.nass.usda.gov/az

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 1-OCTOBER 7, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	59	4	86	33	0.10	5.01	7.27
Casa Grande	77	5	101	59	0.00	2.19	6.71
Coolidge	77	7	105	60	0.00	2.92	6.26
Douglas	67	8	94	54	0.00	8.65	10.97
Flagstaff	51	6	79	35	0.27	10.37	17.23
Gila Bend	81	4	103	60	0.30	3.41	4.95
Grand Canyon	53	6	81	38	0.38	11.45	12.33
Kingman	69	5	93	53	0.15	4.51	7.52
Parker	81	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	3.20
Payson	62	6	93	47	0.00	11.60	16.67
Phoenix	80	6	102	71	0.25	4.45	5.52
Prescott Airport	62	5	90	47	0.13	8.23	10.91
Safford Ag Center	69	8	100	55	0.00	4.56	7.44
Tucson	75	7	99	65	0.00	6.05	9.49
Willcox	65	8	94	52	0.02	6.15	10.14
Winslow	61	6	90	46	0.39	3.59	6.11
Yuma	81	4	101	68	0.01	0.75	2.26

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.