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Field Crops Report

As of October 15, **Cotton** harvest remains ahead of both last year and the five-year average. **Cotton** was reported as 33 percent harvested, compared to 19 percent last year, and 27 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 28 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest activity decreased slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 42 percent not being harvested, 9 percent light, 26 percent moderate, and 23 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 57 percent good, and 12 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

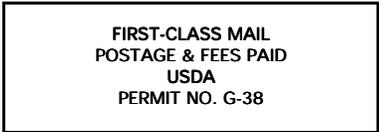
Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 23 percent very poor, 37 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 9 percent good, and 2 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were below average for the week of October 15. Temperatures ranged from normal at Douglas to 7 degrees below normal at Gila Bend. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 21 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at fourteen stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.11 inches at Coolidge to 3.39 inches at Safford with three 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 honeydews and cantaloupes.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 8-OCTOBER 14, 2000**

| Station | Temperatures | | | | Precipitation 2/ | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly | 56 | -1 | 76 | 29 | 0.36 | 5.47 | 7.53 |
| Casa Grande | 74 | -6 | 85 | 44 | 0.20 | 2.39 | 6.92 |
| Coolidge | 73 | -5 | 87 | 44 | 0.11 | 3.03 | 6.47 |
| Douglas | 64 | 0 | 88 | 45 | 1.87 | 10.52 | 11.25 |
| Flagstaff | 49 | -3 | 70 | 21 | 0.39 | 11.03 | 17.58 |
| Gila Bend | 78 | -7 | 90 | 50 | 0.50 | 4.21 | 5.09 |
| Grand Canyon | 50 | -2 | 73 | 23 | 0.20 | 12.03 | 12.61 |
| Kingman | 66 | -6 | 84 | 39 | 0.19 | 4.85 | 7.66 |
| Parker | 78 | n/a | n/a | n/a | 0.00 | 0.66 | 3.27 |
| Payson | 59 | -6 | 73 | 34 | 0.97 | 12.57 | 17.09 |
| Phoenix | 77 | -6 | 87 | 56 | 0.71 | 5.41 | 5.66 |
| Prescott Airport | 59 | -4 | 77 | 32 | 0.13 | 8.49 | 11.05 |
| Safford Ag Center | 66 | -6 | 77 | 45 | 3.39 | 7.95 | 7.65 |
| Tucson | 72 | -5 | 81 | 54 | 1.94 | 7.99 | 9.77 |
| Willcox | 61 | -3 | 78 | 42 | 2.58 | 8.75 | 10.42 |
| Winslow | 59 | -2 | 77 | 30 | 0.00 | 3.98 | 6.32 |
| Yuma | 78 | -4 | 96 | 54 | 0.00 | 0.76 | 2.33 |

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.