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### Field Crops Report

As of October 29, **Cotton** harvest still remains ahead of both last year and the five-year average, despite heavy rains. **Cotton** was reported as 55 percent harvested, compared to 39 percent last year, and 47 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 8 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 41 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity dropped compared with last week due to heavy rains. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 57 percent not being harvested, 6 percent light, 20 percent moderate, and 17 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped cabbage last week. Producers in eastern Arizona shipped apples, chili peppers and head lettuce while producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 15 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 23 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 29. Temperatures ranged from normal at Canyon De Chelly to 7 degrees below normal at Gila Bend, Phoenix, Prescott Airport, Tucson and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 27 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at all sixteen stations. Precipitation ranged from 3.20 inches at Payson to 0.67 inches at Winslow.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK OCTOBER 22-OCTOBER 28, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	50	0	65	36	1.41	6.91	7.95
Casa Grande	68	-6	81	49	1.18	3.82	7.26
Coolidge	66	-4	82	49	1.56	5.04	6.89
Douglas	57	3	78	44	1.86	12.86	11.69
Flagstaff	44	-2	56	27	1.41	13.37	18.28
Gila Bend	71	-7	79	51	0.84	5.05	5.23
Grand Canyon	45	-4	58	30	2.51	15.63	13.08
Kingman	59	-6	66	43	1.04	6.11	7.97
Parker	71	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	3.44
Payson	53	-5	65	34	3.20	17.02	17.82
Phoenix	71	-7	79	55	1.43	7.35	5.94
Prescott Airport	54	-7	63	36	1.73	11.97	11.35
Safford Ag Center	60	-1	78	42	2.72	10.99	8.07
Tucson	67	-7	76	49	1.52	10.71	10.19
Willcox	55	1	72	41	3.07	12.82	10.93
Winslow	53	-3	69	34	0.67	5.14	6.74
Yuma	73	-7	77	54	0.96	1.78	2.47

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.