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Field Crops Report

As of September 9, **Cotton** harvest is 4 percent complete, compared with 3 percent last year and 3 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 89 percent open, compared with 86 percent last year, and 83 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 51 percent good, and 16 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 42 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 10 percent moderate and 41 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 50 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes and watermelons last week, while producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydew and watermelons.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 14 percent poor, 41 percent fair, 38 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Overall, Arizona range and pasture conditions have improved, being reported in good to excellent condition during the month of August. Livestock remained in good condition. Stock water supplies throughout the state remained adequate, while soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Northern grazing conditions were reported as fair to excellent during the month of August. During the early part of August there were good rains in many areas. High level elevation pastures were reported in good to excellent condition. Mid level conditions were reported as ranging from fair to good. Low level conditions improved, ranging from good to excellent. Livestock were reported to be in good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as adequate. Soil moisture conditions were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as light.

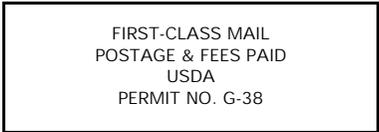
Central pasture conditions were reported as fair to excellent, improving slightly when compared to last month. Ranchers are reporting scattered rain, but cattle are holding good on dry spring feed and mesquite beans. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair to excellent at high level elevations. Low and mid level elevations were reported in fair to good condition. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies were reported as adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Southern pastures were reported to be in fair to good condition overall, remaining relatively constant, when compared with last month. Ranchers have reported much needed showers and some green grass growth. Conditions were good to excellent at high level elevation, remaining constant with last month. Mid level ranged from fair to good, while low level ranged from poor to good condition. Livestock condition was reported as good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were slightly above average for the week ending September 8. Temperatures ranged from normal at Kingman, to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Phoenix, while the lowest reading was 39 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 out of 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Grand Canyon to 1.10 inches at Kingman.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 2 TO SEPTEMBER 8, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	70	2	95	47	0.00	5.46	6.33
Casa Grande	86	2	108	66	0.00	6.70	5.97
Coolidge	84	4	109	64	0.00	8.23	5.51
Douglas	75	3	97	59	0.00	7.40	9.48
Flagstaff	61	1	82	41	0.00	14.11	15.41
Gila Bend	89	3	109	69	0.00	4.58	4.35
Grand Canyon	61	2	86	39	0.03	15.76	10.80
Kingman	77	0	95	54	1.10	6.02	6.82
Parker	89	2	107	71	0.00	2.08	2.79
Payson	69	3	93	48	0.00	16.81	14.81
Phoenix	88	5	110	74	0.00	5.62	4.73
Prescott Airport	70	2	91	52	0.00	8.06	10.03
Safford Ag Center	78	1	101	52	0.00	5.33	6.19
Tucson	83	3	105	69	0.00	6.14	8.01
Willcox	73	3	98	55	0.00	9.68	8.81
Winslow	72	1	96	51	0.00	4.80	5.24
Yuma	90	2	106	71	0.00	3.01	1.97

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.

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