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Field Crops Report

As of September 16, **Cotton** harvest is 8 percent complete, compared with 9 percent last year and 6 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 92 percent open, compared with 95 percent last year, and 92 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 8 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 31 percent not being harvested, 5 percent light, 24 percent moderate and 40 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 12 percent poor, 50 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 7 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

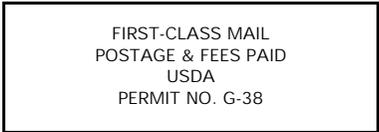
Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 11 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 5 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

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.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were above average for the week ending September 15. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Willcox and Winslow, to 6 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Coolidge. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Phoenix, Coolidge, and Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 31 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 10 out of 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Canyon De Chelly and Safford to 1.82 inches at Willcox.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 9 TO SEPTEMBER 15, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	67	3	94	40	0.01	5.47	6.54
Casa Grande	84	3	108	64	0.00	6.70	6.18
Coolidge	83	6	110	62	0.00	8.23	5.72
Douglas	74	2	94	53	1.01	8.41	9.95
Flagstaff	58	2	83	31	0.69	14.80	15.90
Gila Bend	88	3	110	70	0.00	4.58	4.53
Grand Canyon	60	4	81	42	0.17	15.93	11.22
Kingman	75	2	96	47	0.00	6.02	7.03
Parker	87	4	109	66	0.00	2.08	2.93
Payson	68	4	91	47	0.59	17.40	15.32
Phoenix	87	6	110	76	0.00	5.62	4.94
Prescott Airport	68	3	89	47	1.14	9.20	10.28
Safford Ag Center	76	3	97	52	0.01	5.34	6.54
Tucson	81	4	101	65	0.26	6.40	8.43
Willcox	73	1	93	51	1.82	11.50	9.16
Winslow	70	1	92	38	0.90	5.70	5.45
Yuma	88	3	108	74	0.00	3.01	2.04

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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