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### Field Crops Report

As of September 23, **Cotton** harvest is 12 percent complete, compared with 14 percent last year and 11 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 96 percent open, compared with 99 percent last year, and 96 percent for the five year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 15 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 6 percent poor, 33 percent fair, 50 percent good, and 11 percent excellent.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

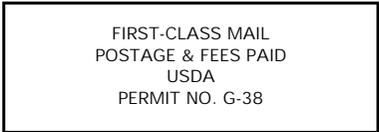
**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 16 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 29 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** 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 22. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Parker, to 7 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Phoenix, Coolidge, Casa Grande and Parker, while the lowest reading was 36 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 2 out of 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Safford to 0.08 inches at Canyon De Chelly.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 16 TO SEPTEMBER 22, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	65	6	91	48	0.08	5.55	6.75
Casa Grande	82	4	107	64	0.00	6.70	6.37
Coolidge	81	5	107	63	0.00	8.23	5.91
Douglas	73	4	97	58	0.00	8.41	10.34
Flagstaff	56	3	80	36	0.00	14.80	16.36
Gila Bend	86	4	108	71	0.00	4.58	4.65
Grand Canyon	58	4	83	39	0.00	15.93	11.64
Kingman	74	3	96	56	0.00	6.02	7.22
Parker	86	1	107	68	0.00	2.08	3.05
Payson	67	3	91	48	0.00	17.40	15.77
Phoenix	85	7	107	76	0.00	5.62	5.15
Prescott Airport	66	3	87	48	0.00	9.20	10.49
Safford Ag Center	74	4	100	56	0.01	5.35	6.88
Tucson	80	4	101	68	0.00	6.40	8.80
Willcox	72	3	93	55	0.00	11.50	9.51
Winslow	68	2	90	47	0.00	5.70	5.66
Yuma	86	4	106	72	0.00	3.01	2.11

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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