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Field Crops Report

As of August 25, **cotton** bolls opening was reported as 60 percent open, compared with 55 percent last year and 46 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 43 percent not being harvested, 11 percent moderate, and 46 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 15 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 43 percent very poor, 40 percent poor, 14 percent fair, and 3 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in poor to fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped watermelons, while western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were near average. For the week ending August 24, temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Gila Bend, Willcox, and Yuma, to 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 39 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Coolidge and Tucson to 0.49 inches at Willcox.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 18 TO AUGUST 24, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	73	3	101	50	0.26	2.87	5.80
Casa Grande	88	0	107	61	0.00	1.06	5.51
Coolidge	88	1	108	63	0.03	2.21	5.67
Douglas	77	0	96	59	0.47	6.28	8.53
Flagstaff	64	0	87	40	0.00	4.26	14.59
Gila Bend	92	-1	110	69	0.00	0.23	4.28
Grand Canyon	64	2	91	39	0.18	3.39	10.95
Kingman	80	2	99	64	0.00	0.63	6.72
Parker	92	-10	107	76	0.00	0.00	3.17
Payson	73	1	95	49	0.00	3.16	14.31
Phoenix	91	2	108	77	0.00	1.37	4.28
Prescott Airport	71	3	93	53	0.00	1.32	9.20
Safford Ag Center	81	0	102	53	0.18	2.64	5.75
Tucson	85	0	102	65	0.03	4.14	7.37
Willcox	77	-1	97	53	0.49	3.63	8.19
Winslow	75	1	99	55	0.00	1.31	4.74
Yuma	92	-1	107	75	0.00	0.00	1.79

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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