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Field Crops Report

As of September 1, **cotton** bolls opening was reported as 68 percent open, compared with 72 percent last year and 62 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 54 percent good, and 24 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 generally above average. For the week ending September 1, temperatures ranged from 9 degrees below normal at Parker, to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 36 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.64 inches at Tucson.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 25 TO AUGUST 31, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	72	2	97	50	0.01	2.88	6.08
Casa Grande	87	2	111	63	0.00	1.06	5.93
Coolidge	88	1	111	63	0.04	2.25	5.95
Douglas	77	3	100	58	0.32	6.60	9.03
Flagstaff	62	0	86	36	0.33	4.59	15.17
Gila Bend	92	1	114	70	0.00	0.23	4.56
Grand Canyon	63	3	90	41	0.00	3.39	11.37
Kingman	79	2	100	61	0.00	0.63	7.00
Parker	91	-9	109	72	0.00	0.00	3.38
Payson	72	0	95	47	0.50	3.66	14.92
Phoenix	90	5	112	77	0.00	1.37	4.49
Prescott Airport	70	4	94	49	0.00	1.32	9.63
Safford Ag Center	80	2	105	52	0.18	2.82	6.10
Tucson	84	4	106	69	0.64	4.78	7.81
Willcox	77	2	101	53	0.12	3.75	8.69
Winslow	73	1	98	47	0.07	1.38	5.02
Yuma	92	1	112	74	0.00	0.00	1.93

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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