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Field Crops Report

As of September 15, **cotton** harvest was 10 percent complete, compared with 7 percent last year and 6 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was reported as 95 percent open, compared with 92 percent last year and 89 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 25 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 41 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 12 percent moderate, and 40 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 21 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 32 percent very poor, 51 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.

Citrus producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below average. For the week ending September 14, temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Winslow to 1 degree above normal at Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 41 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.11 inches at Gila Bend to 2.83 inches at Kingman. With the increased rainfall, nine of 17 reporting stations are now above 50 percent of normal precipitation levels for this time of year.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 8 TO SEPTEMBER 14, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	67	-2	80	50	1.12	4.64	6.52
Casa Grande	85	-4	101	66	0.99	2.47	6.27
Coolidge	85	-3	102	67	0.32	3.35	6.40
Douglas	75	0	90	55	0.65	7.70	9.86
Flagstaff	59	-1	74	41	1.94	8.49	16.21
Gila Bend	89	-3	105	72	0.11	0.44	4.89
Grand Canyon	60	-3	76	41	0.53	5.41	12.13
Kingman	76	-2	94	58	2.83	4.36	7.44
Parker	88	-1	108	71	0.30	0.30	3.70
Payson	69	-3	87	50	2.26	6.73	15.88
Phoenix	87	-1	104	74	0.20	1.87	4.91
Prescott Airport	67	-1	86	52	0.66	4.02	10.41
Safford Ag Center	77	1	95	58	0.65	3.53	6.74
Tucson	82	-3	95	66	1.03	6.47	8.58
Willcox	74	0	90	54	1.00	4.84	9.40
Winslow	70	-5	84	51	0.97	3.26	5.56
Yuma	89	0	109	71	0.00	0.00	2.07

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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