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### Field Crops Report

As of September 22, **cotton** harvest was 13 percent complete, compared with 11 percent last year and 11 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** bolls opening was virtually complete. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 27 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 37 percent not being harvested, 6 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 43 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 21 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 24 percent excellent.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 34 percent very poor, 45 percent poor, 17 percent fair, and 4 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 cantaloupes and 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 above average. For the week ending September 21, temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Parker to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 35 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 17 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly reported 0.02 inches of precipitation for the week. 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 15 TO SEPTEMBER 21, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	65	-1	85	44	0.02	4.66	6.73
Casa Grande	83	1	105	62	0.00	2.47	6.48
Coolidge	83	3	105	61	0.00	3.35	6.56
Douglas	73	2	92	53	0.00	7.70	10.21
Flagstaff	57	1	79	35	0.00	8.49	16.70
Gila Bend	87	2	109	66	0.00	0.44	5.00
Grand Canyon	58	1	79	35	0.00	5.41	12.41
Kingman	74	0	93	53	0.00	4.36	7.57
Parker	85	-5	107	65	0.00	0.30	3.84
Payson	67	1	91	45	0.00	6.73	16.28
Phoenix	85	5	106	74	0.00	1.87	5.12
Prescott Airport	65	3	86	47	0.00	4.02	10.76
Safford Ag Center	75	1	96	51	0.00	3.53	6.95
Tucson	80	2	97	64	0.00	6.47	8.90
Willcox	72	2	89	51	0.00	4.84	9.68
Winslow	67	0	87	43	0.00	3.26	5.77
Yuma	87	3	108	72	0.00	0.00	2.14

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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