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Field Crops Report

As of September 29, **cotton** harvest was 17 percent complete, compared with 15 percent last year and 15 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 27 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 38 percent not being harvested, 4 percent light, 22 percent moderate, and 36 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 1 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 25 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 32 percent very poor, 42 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 6 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, honeydews and watermelons, while eastern Arizona producers shipped apples, chilies and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

Citrus producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were well above average. For the week ending September 28, temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Flagstaff to 8 degrees above normal at Parker and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 37 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.06 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.26 inches at Grand Canyon. Six of 17 reporting stations are at or 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 22 TO SEPTEMBER 28, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	5	88	46	0.06	4.72	6.94
Casa Grande	80	4	106	62	0.00	2.47	6.69
Coolidge	80	6	108	62	0.00	3.35	6.70
Douglas	71	2	94	51	0.00	7.70	10.56
Flagstaff	55	1	79	37	0.12	8.61	17.17
Gila Bend	84	5	110	69	0.00	0.44	5.07
Grand Canyon	56	6	83	42	0.26	5.67	12.69
Kingman	71	5	97	56	0.00	4.36	7.64
Parker	83	8	112	67	0.00	0.30	3.93
Payson	65	4	94	48	0.00	6.73	16.63
Phoenix	83	8	108	75	0.00	1.87	5.31
Prescott Airport	63	6	88	51	0.00	4.02	11.10
Safford Ag Center	73	3	98	51	0.00	3.53	7.16
Tucson	79	4	100	61	0.00	6.47	9.18
Willcox	69	2	94	49	0.00	4.84	9.90
Winslow	65	3	89	44	0.09	3.35	5.98
Yuma	85	6	110	72	0.00	0.00	2.19

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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