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### **Field Crops Report**

As of October 6, **cotton** harvest was 25 percent complete, compared with 23 percent last year and 21 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 31 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 14 percent moderate, and 44 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 23 percent excellent.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 36 percent very poor, 42 percent poor, 18 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**

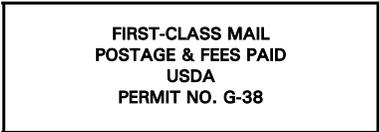
Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons, while eastern Arizona producers shipped apples, chilies and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

Citrus producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures for most of the State were well below average. For the week ending October 5, temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Douglas, to 10 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 96 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 27 degrees at Flagstaff, Grand Canyon, and Willcox. Precipitation was reported at 8 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Safford to 0.68 inches at Flagstaff. 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 29 TO OCTOBER 5, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	59	-4	74	30	0.14	4.86	7.15
Casa Grande	78	-8	94	43	0.00	2.47	6.90
Coolidge	78	-7	96	45	0.00	3.35	6.88
Douglas	69	-2	88	37	0.06	7.76	10.91
Flagstaff	52	-6	65	27	0.68	9.29	17.59
Gila Bend	82	-9	93	50	0.00	0.44	5.14
Grand Canyon	53	-5	68	27	0.03	5.70	12.97
Kingman	69	-9	79	38	0.12	4.48	7.72
Parker	80	-10	88	52	0.00	0.30	4.00
Payson	63	-7	76	31	0.00	6.73	16.99
Phoenix	80	-4	95	58	0.04	1.91	5.48
Prescott Airport	61	-5	74	35	0.00	4.02	11.38
Safford Ag Center	70	-2	92	35	0.01	3.54	7.37
Tucson	76	-5	90	48	0.00	6.47	9.46
Willcox	67	-5	87	27	0.00	4.84	10.15
Winslow	62	-6	79	32	0.02	3.37	6.19
Yuma	82	-8	91	55	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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