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Field Crops Report

As of August 31, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 41 percent not being harvested, 8 percent light, 9 percent moderate and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 13 percent fair, 39 percent good and 46 percent excellent.

Cotton bolls setting is complete. **Cotton** boll opening was reported at 52 percent, compared to 67 percent last year and 59 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 17 percent fair, 40 percent good and 40 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 14 percent very poor, 32 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 21 percent good and 5 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, miscellaneous melons and watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State remained near average for the week ending August 30. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Gila Bend, to 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, Grand Canyon, Kingman and Safford. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was 48 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.03 inches at Winslow, to 2.61 inches at Payson.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK AUGUST 24 TO AUGUST 30, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	72	3	92	53	0.00	5.56	6.04
Casa Grande	87	0	104	72	1.30	5.29	5.88
Coolidge	88	0	105	72	0.66	3.77	5.91
Douglas	77	1	94	63	0.55	4.47	8.96
Flagstaff	63	0	79	49	0.94	11.54	15.09
Gila Bend	92	-2	107	74	0.26	6.14	4.52
Grand Canyon	63	3	83	48	0.66	11.00	11.31
Kingman	79	3	98	66	0.50	5.19	6.96
Parker	91	2	109	80	0.00	1.93	3.35
Payson	72	1	94	55	2.61	15.00	14.84
Phoenix	90	1	105	75	0.20	5.52	5.07
Prescott Airport	70	1	86	59	0.52	10.61	9.57
Safford Ag Center	80	3	100	68	0.12	2.67	6.05
Tucson	84	-1	97	69	1.22	6.33	7.75
Willcox	77	2	96	63	0.25	3.71	8.62
Winslow	74	1	92	57	0.03	1.17	4.98
Yuma	92	0	105	81	0.06	1.48	1.91

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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