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### Field Crops Report

As of September 14, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 45 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 11 percent moderate, and 42 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 48 percent excellent.

**Cotton** bolls opening was reported at 83 percent, compared to 94 percent last year and 88 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** harvested was reported at 2 percent complete, compared with 9 percent last year and 6 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 42 percent excellent.

### Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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

Citrus producers harvested lemons in western Arizona last week.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 13 percent very poor, 28 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 21 percent good and 9 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.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were near average for the week ending September 14. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly, to 3 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 35 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches at Coolidge to 1.62 inches at Flagstaff.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 7 TO SEPTEMBER 13, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	68	-4	83	45	0.40	6.00	6.49
Casa Grande	85	1	103	66	0.00	5.29	6.24
Coolidge	85	1	104	64	0.02	3.79	6.37
Douglas	75	1	93	53	0.12	4.60	9.81
Flagstaff	59	-1	77	35	1.62	14.25	16.14
Gila Bend	89	0	107	70	0.00	6.20	4.87
Grand Canyon	60	1	80	39	0.00	11.63	12.08
Kingman	76	0	95	56	0.00	5.78	7.42
Parker	88	1	106	70	0.00	3.13	3.68
Payson	69	-2	85	49	1.30	16.98	15.82
Phoenix	87	3	105	76	0.02	5.68	5.47
Prescott Airport	67	1	87	46	0.22	10.96	10.36
Safford Ag Center	77	-1	94	51	0.20	3.07	6.71
Tucson	82	0	98	66	0.46	6.79	8.53
Willcox	74	2	93	54	0.12	3.99	9.36
Winslow	70	-2	88	42	0.08	1.25	5.53
Yuma	89	2	106	75	0.00	1.48	2.06

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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