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Field Crops Report

As of September 21, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 47 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 9 percent moderate and 41 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 28 percent good and 58 percent excellent.

Cotton bolls opening was reported at 96 percent, compared to 98 percent last year and 95 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** harvested was reported at 4 percent complete, compared with 13 percent last year and 9 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 24 percent good and 42 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 11 percent very poor, 26 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 18 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.

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.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were near average for the week ending September 20. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Winslow, to 6 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Coolidge, Gila Bend and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 33 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the 17 reporting stations.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 14 TO SEPTEMBER 20, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	65	0	87	39	0.00	6.00	6.70
Casa Grande	83	2	106	62	0.00	5.29	6.45
Coolidge	83	2	107	62	0.00	3.79	6.54
Douglas	73	4	96	56	0.00	4.60	10.16
Flagstaff	57	1	76	33	0.00	14.25	16.63
Gila Bend	87	2	107	69	0.00	6.20	4.99
Grand Canyon	58	4	82	39	0.00	11.63	12.37
Kingman	74	2	95	53	0.00	5.78	7.56
Parker	86	3	106	69	0.00	3.13	3.82
Payson	67	0	95	46	0.00	16.98	16.23
Phoenix	85	6	106	74	0.00	5.68	5.61
Prescott Airport	65	3	87	47	0.00	10.96	10.71
Safford Ag Center	75	2	98	53	0.00	3.07	6.92
Tucson	81	3	100	67	0.00	6.79	8.86
Willcox	72	4	97	55	0.00	3.99	9.64
Winslow	68	-1	90	39	0.00	1.25	5.74
Yuma	87	5	107	74	0.00	1.48	2.13

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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