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Field Crops Report

As of September 28, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 50 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 9 percent moderate and 39 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 27 percent good and 59 percent excellent.

Cotton bolls opening was reported at 99 percent, compared to 100 percent last year and 98 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** harvested was reported at 8 percent complete, compared with 16 percent last year and 13 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 24 percent good and 43 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 14 percent very poor, 25 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 22 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.

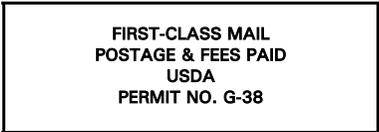
Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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 above average for the week ending September 27. Temperatures ranged from 0 degrees normal at Casa Grande and Gila Bend, to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Gila Bend and Parker, while the lowest reading was 33 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.05 inches at Safford to 1.69 inches at Tucson.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 21 TO SEPTEMBER 27, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	62	4	87	41	0.00	6.00	6.91
Casa Grande	81	0	105	59	0.47	5.76	6.66
Coolidge	81	1	108	60	0.51	4.30	6.68
Douglas	71	3	96	56	0.42	5.02	10.51
Flagstaff	55	4	82	33	0.00	14.25	17.11
Gila Bend	84	0	110	67	0.75	6.95	5.06
Grand Canyon	56	7	83	37	0.00	11.63	12.65
Kingman	72	5	97	55	0.00	5.78	7.63
Parker	83	6	110	66	0.00	3.13	3.92
Payson	65	3	89	46	0.10	17.08	16.58
Phoenix	83	3	107	73	0.09	5.77	5.75
Prescott Airport	63	7	92	48	0.00	10.96	11.06
Safford Ag Center	73	3	97	52	0.05	3.12	7.13
Tucson	79	1	101	64	1.69	8.48	9.14
Willcox	70	3	96	54	0.18	4.17	9.87
Winslow	65	3	92	38	0.00	1.25	5.95
Yuma	85	3	109	72	0.00	1.48	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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