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Field Crops Report

As of October 5, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 53 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 9 percent moderate and 36 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 25 percent good and 62 percent excellent.

Cotton bolls opening is virtually complete. **Cotton** harvested was reported at 11 percent complete, compared with 24 percent last year and 19 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 21 percent good and 48 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 16 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 20 percent good and 10 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 and watermelons. Producers in western Arizona shipped cantaloupes and watermelons.

Citrus producers harvested lemons in western Arizona last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above average for the week ending October 4. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, to 9 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Coolidge, Phoenix and Parker, while the lowest reading was 32 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 18 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Willcox to 0.77 inches at Canyon De Chelly.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK SEPTEMBER 28 TO OCTOBER 4, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	60	5	91	45	0.77	6.77	7.12
Casa Grande	78	6	104	60	0.00	5.76	6.87
Coolidge	78	6	107	62	0.00	4.30	6.85
Douglas	69	7	96	58	0.00	5.02	10.86
Flagstaff	53	4	81	32	0.13	14.38	17.53
Gila Bend	82	5	106	62	0.00	6.95	5.13
Grand Canyon	54	6	86	40	0.70	12.33	12.93
Kingman	69	7	96	51	0.02	5.80	7.70
Parker	81	8	107	70	0.00	3.13	3.99
Payson	63	5	90	43	0.00	17.08	16.94
Phoenix	81	9	107	70	0.00	5.77	5.93
Prescott Airport	61	9	90	45	0.00	10.96	11.34
Safford Ag Center	71	7	100	55	0.02	3.14	7.34
Tucson	77	5	100	63	0.00	8.48	9.42
Willcox	67	8	97	55	0.01	4.18	10.11
Winslow	62	7	94	41	0.02	1.27	6.16
Yuma	83	6	105	69	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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