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### Field Crops Report

As of October 26, **alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 59 percent not being harvested, 8 percent light, 9 percent moderate, and 24 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 14 percent fair, 24 percent good, and 58 percent excellent.

**Cotton** harvested was reported at 31 percent complete, compared with 51 percent last year and 47 percent for the five-year average. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 21 percent good, and 46 percent excellent.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 21 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 23 percent good and 11 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 and western Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons.

Citrus producers harvested lemons in western Arizona last week.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were well above average for the week ending October 25. Temperatures ranged from 6 degrees above normal at Willcox, to 13 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Parker and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 28 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 OCTOBER 19 TO OCTOBER 25, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	51	7	81	38	0.00	6.86	7.82
Casa Grande	69	9	103	54	0.00	5.79	7.40
Coolidge	69	10	104	55	0.00	4.30	7.48
Douglas	61	7	91	45	0.00	5.53	11.78
Flagstaff	45	7	77	28	0.00	14.40	18.80
Gila Bend	72	12	105	59	0.00	6.95	5.49
Grand Canyon	46	11	78	35	0.00	12.33	13.82
Kingman	61	10	93	52	0.00	5.80	8.23
Parker	72	12	106	61	0.00	3.13	4.20
Payson	55	9	87	44	0.00	17.40	18.16
Phoenix	72	13	103	65	0.00	5.98	6.52
Prescott Airport	53	12	88	45	0.00	10.97	12.15
Safford Ag Center	62	8	94	45	0.00	3.54	8.14
Tucson	68	9	97	59	0.00	8.84	10.26
Willcox	59	6	90	40	0.00	4.47	11.08
Winslow	53	7	85	34	0.00	1.27	6.79
Yuma	74	12	106	64	0.00	1.48	2.39

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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