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Field Crops Report

As of November 9, **cotton** harvested was reported at 53 percent complete, compared with 67 percent last year and 64 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 63 percent not being harvested, 2 percent light, 8 percent moderate and 27 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 27 percent good and 61 percent excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, head lettuce and watermelons last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit and lemons in western Arizona last week.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 22 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 26 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.

During October, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in mostly fair condition, declining from last month. Arizona livestock were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture throughout the state was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Northern grazing conditions ranged from poor to good, declining slightly from last month. Ranchers reported very dry range conditions and below normal rainfall for October. High-level elevations were reported in good condition. Mid-level elevations were reported in mostly fair condition, while low-level elevations remain mostly poor. Livestock were reported to be in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as mostly fair, about the same as last month. Ranchers have reported stock tanks at very low levels and soil moisture being short, but cattle are doing well on dry feed. Range and pasture conditions were reported as mostly good at high level and mostly fair at mid and low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Southern pastures were reported in mostly poor condition, declining from last month. Lack of rains have left ranges short and stock water supplies low, but cattle are doing fair and the market is good. Conditions were poor to good at high level and mid level elevations. Low level elevations were in mostly poor condition. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were well below average for the week ending November 8. Temperatures ranged from 0 normal at Willcox to 7 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Coolidge and Safford, while the lowest reading was 14 degrees at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 4 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.02 inches at Grand Canyon to 0.10 inches at Payson and Canyon De Chelly.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 2 TO NOVEMBER 8, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	46	-2	64	23	0.10	7.01	8.34
Casa Grande	63	-5	81	36	0.00	5.79	7.68
Coolidge	63	-5	82	36	0.00	4.30	7.90
Douglas	56	-1	78	27	0.00	5.53	12.20
Flagstaff	40	-4	53	14	0.05	14.45	19.76
Gila Bend	67	-6	80	42	0.00	7.70	5.77
Grand Canyon	41	-3	55	14	0.02	12.35	14.52
Kingman	55	-6	68	30	0.00	5.80	8.64
Parker	66	-7	75	43	0.00	3.13	4.38
Payson	50	-4	65	24	0.10	17.58	19.16
Phoenix	66	-3	79	50	0.00	5.98	6.81
Prescott Airport	48	-2	63	27	0.00	10.97	12.57
Safford Ag Center	56	-1	82	30	0.00	3.54	8.55
Tucson	63	-4	79	40	0.00	8.84	10.67
Willcox	54	0	79	27	0.00	4.47	11.56
Winslow	48	-5	66	19	0.00	1.31	7.10
Yuma	69	-6	80	49	0.00	1.48	2.52

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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