



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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### Field Crops

For the week ending September 26, **Cotton** bolls have opened on 95 percent of the acreage compared to 98 percent last year and the five year average of 98 percent. Harvesting is complete on 10 percent of the acreage compared to 7 percent last year and the five year average of 12 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 1 percent very poor, 2 percent poor, 23 percent fair, 42 percent good, and 32 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. Forty-five percent of the acreage had no harvest activity. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 21 percent excellent.

### Range and Pasture

**Range and Pasture** conditions were 25 percent very poor, 34 percent poor, 22 percent fair, 13 percent good, and 6 percent excellent.

### Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and watermelons. Western Arizona producers shipped green onions, radishes and watermelons last week.

Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

#### CROP PROGRESS

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton				
Open Bolls	95	90	98	98
Harvest	10	4	7	12

#### CROP CONDITION

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	3	11	65	21
Cotton	1	2	23	42	32
Range/Pasture (This Week)	25	34	22	13	6
Range/Pasture (Last Year)	13	25	32	21	9

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending September 25. Temperatures ranged from 7 degree below normal at Gila Bend, Grand Canyon, and Winslow to 4 degrees below normal at Douglas, Prescott, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 104 degrees at Parker and the lowest reading was Flagstaff

at 27 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 11 of the 17 reporting stations. Payson received the highest amount of rainfall at 2.52 inches and Tucson received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.05 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 September 19 - 25, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	63	-6	77	36	0.60	5.34	6.85
Casa Grande	81	-5	97	50	0.41	7.03	6.60
Coolidge	81	-6	97	53	0.00	6.56	6.84
Douglas	72	-4	90	47	1.73	8.09	10.41
Flagstaff	56	-6	89	27	0.88	12.13	16.98
Gila Bend	85	-7	101	56	0.00	3.61	5.04
Grand Canyon	57	-7	85	28	0.00	9.91	12.57
Kingman	72	-6	90	46	0.00	3.34	7.61
Parker	84	-5	104	60	0.00	2.72	3.90
Payson	66	-6	81	41	2.52	16.33	18.48
Phoenix	85	-5	99	64	0.06	5.12	6.71
Prescott Airport	64	-4	81	39	0.22	4.33	10.95
Safford Ag Center	74	-6	93	42	0.92	9.10	7.07
Tucson	80	-6	95	54	0.05	5.81	9.06
Willcox	70	-4	83	42	0.78	9.56	9.81
Winslow	66	-7	80	36	0.21	5.43	5.89
Yuma	86	-5	102	64	0.00	1.16	2.18

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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