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Field Crops

For the week ending October 24, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 28 percent of the acreage, the same as last year but behind the five year average of 41 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 20 percent fair, 47 percent good, and 33 percent excellent.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 6 percent poor, 11 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

Range and Pasture

Range and Pasture conditions were 41 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 3 percent excellent.

Herbs, Fruit, Vegetables & Specialty Crops

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

Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
Cotton				
Harvest	28	27	28	41

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	0	6	11	64	19
Cotton	0	0	20	47	33
Range/Pasture (This Week)	41	21	18	17	3
Range/Pasture (Last Year)	21	22	23	24	11

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending October 23. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Douglas and Willcox to 11 degrees below normal at Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Coolidge and the lowest reading was Flagstaff and Grand

Canyon at 20 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Grand Canyon received the highest amount of rainfall at 4.18 inches and Winslow received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.03 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 October 17 - October 23, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	52	3	70	30	0.05	6.33	7.74
Casa Grande	70	-4	82	50	0.00	7.06	7.36
Coolidge	70	-3	87	42	0.14	6.70	7.42
Douglas	62	2	81	40	0.14	8.29	11.72
Flagstaff	46	-3	54	20	1.27	13.68	18.67
Gila Bend	73	-4	86	49	0.50	4.11	5.45
Grand Canyon	47	-4	59	20	4.18	14.62	13.72
Kingman	62	-5	72	40	1.84	5.21	8.17
Parker	73	-11	82	54	1.62	4.34	4.18
Payson	56	-4	67	31	0.54	17.29	18.00
Phoenix	73	-3	86	54	0.33	5.45	6.48
Prescott Airport	54	-2	64	33	1.35	5.68	12.09
Safford Ag Center	63	-1	85	35	0.16	9.33	8.06
Tucson	69	-2	84	48	0.47	6.28	10.18
Willcox	60	2	81	40	0.06	9.62	11.00
Winslow	54	1	73	29	0.03	6.44	6.73
Yuma	75	-5	84	55	0.76	1.92	2.37

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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