



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

## For Week Ending October 31, 2004

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### Field Crops

For the week ending October 31, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 50 percent of the acreage, ahead of last year's average of 41 percent, but slightly behind the five year average of 52 percent. **Cotton** condition was reported as 22 percent fair, 45 percent good, and 33 percent excellent.

**Alfalfa** harvest remained active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 12 percent fair, 64 percent good, and 19 percent excellent.

### Range and Pasture

**Range and Pasture** conditions were 42 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 18 percent fair, 14 percent good, and 5 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, honeydews and spinach.

Producers in western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

### Crop Progress

|         | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Avg |
|---------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Cotton  | -Percent- |           |           |            |
| Harvest | 50        | 28        | 41        | 52         |

### Crop Condition

|                           | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|---------------------------|-----------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                           | -Percent- |      |      |      |           |
| Alfalfa                   | 0         | 5    | 12   | 64   | 19        |
| Cotton                    | 0         | 0    | 22   | 45   | 33        |
| Range/Pasture (This Week) | 42        | 21   | 18   | 14   | 5         |
| Range/Pasture (Last Year) | 22        | 22   | 22   | 24   | 10        |

### Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending October 30. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Douglas to 7 degrees below normal at Gila Bend, Kingman and Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Casa Grande and the lowest reading was

Flagstaff at 15 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 17 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the highest amount of rainfall at 2.20 inches and Tucson received the lowest amount of rainfall at 0.15 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data  
 October 24 - October 30, 2004**

| Station           | Temperatures |         |      |     | Precipitation 2/ |                |                |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                   | Avg.         | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week        | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly  | 49           | 1       | 68   | 30  | 0.61             | 6.94           | 8.02           |
| Casa Grande       | 67           | 1       | 83   | 46  | 0.00             | 7.06           | 7.50           |
| Coolidge          | 66           | -2      | 82   | 42  | 0.51             | 7.21           | 7.63           |
| Douglas           | 59           | 2       | 78   | 38  | 0.28             | 8.51           | 11.93          |
| Flagstaff         | 43           | -4      | 57   | 15  | 2.20             | 15.88          | 19.15          |
| Gila Bend         | 70           | -7      | 82   | 46  | 0.80             | 4.91           | 5.59           |
| Grand Canyon      | 44           | -3      | 58   | 21  | 1.95             | 16.57          | 14.07          |
| Kingman           | 59           | -7      | 67   | 35  | 1.37             | 6.58           | 8.43           |
| Parker            | 70           | -7      | 78   | 50  | 1.01             | 5.35           | 4.25           |
| Payson            | 53           | -3      | 66   | 32  | 2.14             | 19.43          | 18.65          |
| Phoenix           | 70           | -3      | 84   | 51  | 0.45             | 5.90           | 6.62           |
| Prescott Airport  | 51           | -4      | 65   | 31  | 1.29             | 6.97           | 12.30          |
| Safford Ag Center | 60           | 0       | 78   | 36  | 0.34             | 9.67           | 8.29           |
| Tucson            | 66           | -1      | 80   | 44  | 0.15             | 6.43           | 10.44          |
| Willcox           | 57           | 1       | 74   | 36  | 0.62             | 10.24          | 11.28          |
| Winslow           | 51           | -1      | 71   | 32  | 0.48             | 6.92           | 6.92           |
| Yuma              | 72           | -6      | 78   | 52  | 0.26             | 2.18           | 2.44           |

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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