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Field Crops

Bolls are open on 79 percent of the State's cotton acreage, and harvesting is underway with 10 percent completed. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good. Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week western Arizona growers shipped seeded and seedless watermelons.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in the State for the week ending September 16. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Paloma to 11 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Yuma and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 39 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 22 reporting stations. Paloma received the most at 0.63 inches of precipitation and the Douglas area received the least with 0.02 inches. Three stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During August, Arizona's rangeland and pastures received some good moisture and conditions improved significantly since July. The State's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent, depending on location. High elevation conditions were good to excellent. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate, but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was fair to good in high and mid elevation locations. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate and soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from fair to excellent. High, mid and low elevation conditions were all fair to excellent depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were adequate and soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 September 10 - September 16, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	6	104	69	0.00	3.91	-3.18	55
Buckeye	90	4	107	73	0.15	2.77	-2.20	56
Canyon De Chelly	71	5	90	50	0.00	5.88	-0.69	89
Coolidge	87	6	107	67	0.04	4.12	-1.01	80
Douglas	77	4	97	57	0.02	10.92	0.96	110
Flagstaff	62	5	79	43	0.12	8.73	-7.24	55
Grand Canyon	62	9	84	39	0.07	9.04	-5.53	62
Kingman	82	8	99	64	0.00	1.78	-5.31	25
Marana	88	7	104	74	0.00	5.65	-2.23	72
Maricopa	90	7	106	72	0.03	3.90	-0.97	80
Paloma	88	3	107	70	0.63	2.86	-1.83	61
Parker	89	4	109	69	0.00	0.69	-2.20	24
Payson	73	6	91	55	0.00	9.38	-5.99	61
Phoenix	96	10	108	83	0.00	2.60	-2.37	52
Prescott	75	11	91	56	0.12	4.84	-9.74	33
Roll	91	4	111	72	0.00	0.84	-1.21	41
Safford	81	6	100	61	0.00	9.13	2.53	138
St. Johns	72	6	91	53	0.00	8.06	-0.29	97
Tucson	87	7	102	71	0.00	7.89	-0.60	93
Willcox	78	7	98	58	0.13	11.41	2.13	123
Winslow	76	8	94	54	0.00	5.06	-0.42	92
Yuma	91	4	112	69	0.00	0.33	-1.76	16

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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