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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 85 percent complete, 8 percentage points behind the five year average. Small grain has reached maturity on a third of the acreage and harvest is underway. Alfalfa harvest remains active on three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, carrots, dry onions, and potatoes. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	24	31	42
Range and Pasture	11	28	35	21	5

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	85	80	96	93
Durum Wheat				
• Mature	50	35	29	35
Barley				
• Mature	50	40	44	53

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending May 25 ranging from 9 degrees below normal at Paloma and Roll to 3 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 27 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at 21 of the 22 stations. Maricopa received the most at 1.79 inches of precipitation and Douglas received the least with 0.01 inches. None of the reporting stations have above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
May 19 - May 25, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	68	-6	106	43	0.18	2.38	-1.56	60
Buckeye	73	-8	110	49	0.00	2.26	-0.31	88
Canyon De Chelly	59	-4	94	37	0.29	2.91	-0.16	95
Coolidge	71	-7	106	49	0.95	2.44	-0.81	75
Douglas	70	1	99	47	0.01	0.37	-1.68	18
Flagstaff	52	0	85	32	0.89	7.82	-1.01	89
Grand Canyon	51	3	87	27	0.18	5.19	-3.76	58
Kingman	68	-2	103	42	0.21	3.15	-0.56	85
Marana	72	-5	104	48	0.03	1.73	-2.04	46
Maricopa	73	-7	108	49	1.79	3.28	0.41	114
Paloma	71	-9	109	46	0.82	1.88	-0.95	66
Parker	75	-6	110	52	0.84	1.95	-0.13	94
Payson	58	-5	92	36	0.83	6.63	-1.22	84
Phoenix	79	-3	110	51	0.45	2.42	-0.15	94
Prescott	61	2	93	38	0.25	4.75	-1.45	77
Roll	72	-9	106	49	0.19	0.84	-0.11	88
Safford	72	1	101	48	0.40	1.97	-0.27	88
St. Johns	60	-3	94	35	0.81	2.05	-0.89	70
Tucson	75	-1	103	53	0.02	1.83	-0.94	66
Willcox	69	2	99	45	0.56	1.72	-0.99	63
Winslow	62	-3	97	37	0.02	1.70	-0.34	83
Yuma	83	3	115	61	0.03	0.51	-0.44	54

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

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