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Field Crops

Cotton squaring is 70 percent complete, 10 percentage points below the five year average. Thirty-eight percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Small grain harvest is at least 66 percent complete. Alfalfa harvest remains active on three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are very poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped dry onions and a variety of melons, including cantaloupes, honeydews, seeded and seedless watermelons, and other miscellaneous melons. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed and miscellaneous melons, seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	22	53	21
Cotton	0	1	33	46	20
Range and Pasture	28	19	30	20	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	70	60	86	80
• Setting Bolls	38	20	41	35
Durum Wheat				
• Harvested	66	55	86	88
Barley				
• Harvested	85	80	87	89

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending July 6, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Safford to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading of 43 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was reported at 13 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 0.77 inches of precipitation while Paloma and St. Johns received the least with 0.01 inches. Maricopa is the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
June 30 - July 6, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	90	6	109	70	0.35	2.73	-1.57	63
Buckeye	94	6	112	78	0.00	2.26	-0.58	80
Canyon De Chelly	78	5	98	57	0.00	3.23	-0.36	90
Coolidge	91	7	111	72	0.08	2.52	-0.83	75
Douglas	83	4	100	62	0.11	0.56	-2.53	18
Flagstaff	68	4	89	47	0.30	8.14	-1.58	84
Grand Canyon	69	9	91	43	0.09	5.67	-4.23	57
Kingman	88	8	105	69	0.00	3.15	-0.94	77
Marana	92	6	108	73	0.03	1.79	-2.30	44
Maricopa	93	5	111	75	0.00	3.28	0.20	106
Paloma	93	5	113	75	0.01	1.89	-1.04	65
Parker	94	7	115	77	0.00	1.95	-0.15	93
Payson	77	3	95	58	0.77	7.40	-1.25	86
Phoenix	98	6	112	84	0.00	2.42	-0.42	85
Prescott	81	9	98	61	0.02	4.77	-2.44	66
Roll	92	6	113	71	0.00	0.84	-0.13	87
Safford	84	2	99	68	0.05	2.02	-0.78	72
St. Johns	77	4	96	57	0.01	2.07	-1.73	54
Tucson	91	5	106	74	0.16	2.15	-1.19	64
Willcox	84	6	102	64	0.08	1.90	-1.53	55
Winslow	80	4	103	58	0.00	1.80	-0.79	69
Yuma	97	5	114	82	0.00	0.51	-0.46	53

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

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