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## Field Crops

Cotton squaring is 80 percent complete, 9 percentage points below the five year average. Forty-five percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Small grain harvest is at least 75 percent complete. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped 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.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending July 13, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Safford and Tucson to 6 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading of 43 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 18 of the 22 stations. Tucson received the most at 2.05 inches of precipitation while Coolidge received the least with 0.08 inches.

## Range and Pasture

The month of June brought little to no rain the first half of the month but some much needed moisture fell during the last half of the month. Most areas of Arizona have been hit with seasonal rains. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from very poor to good, depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

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

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly very poor or fair to good, depending on location. High elevation and mid elevation conditions varied from very poor to good. Low elevation conditions were very poor to poor. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from very poor to excellent, depending on elevation. High elevation pastures were in mostly good to excellent condition. Mid elevation conditions varied from poor to good. Low elevation rangeland was in mostly poor to fair condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**July 7 - July 13, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	-2	107	70	0.63	3.36	-1.15	75
Buckeye	90	0	110	72	0.00	2.26	-0.76	75
Canyon De Chelly	74	-2	93	55	1.41	4.64	0.77	120
Coolidge	86	-1	105	71	0.08	2.60	-0.86	75
Douglas	77	-3	97	64	1.68	2.24	-1.59	58
Flagstaff	67	1	88	45	0.17	8.31	-2.01	81
Grand Canyon	67	6	90	43	0.48	6.15	-4.18	60
Kingman	83	1	107	60	0.27	3.42	-0.88	80
Marana	85	-3	103	69	1.23	3.02	-1.33	69
Maricopa	86	-3	105	69	1.27	4.55	1.33	141
Paloma	89	-1	109	71	0.22	2.11	-0.92	70
Parker	92	3	113	75	0.00	1.95	-0.22	90
Payson	75	-2	94	58	0.98	8.38	-0.80	91
Phoenix	93	0	109	71	0.84	3.26	0.24	108
Prescott	75	3	98	59	1.35	6.12	-1.77	78
Roll	90	3	110	72	0.24	1.08	0.05	105
Safford	79	-4	98	69	0.59	2.61	-0.58	82
St. Johns	74	-1	93	56	1.34	3.41	-0.76	82
Tucson	83	-4	101	69	2.05	4.20	0.34	109
Willcox	78	-2	99	64	1.93	3.83	-0.17	96
Winslow	79	0	99	57	0.00	1.80	-1.04	63
Yuma	95	2	109	81	0.00	0.51	-0.52	50

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

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