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## Field Crops

Seventy percent of the cotton acreage has open bolls. Cotton harvesting is 10 percent complete across the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to good.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped seedless watermelons.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	37	47	12
Cotton	0	1	19	64	16
Range and Pasture	3	25	33	29	10

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	70	60	66	67
• Harvested	10	6	6	2

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 7, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 6 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 114 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading of 35 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 9 of the 22 stations. Safford received the most at 0.79 inches of precipitation and Kingman received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 September 1 - September 7, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	84	4	105	64	0.00	6.01	-0.85	88
Buckeye	88	0	109	69	0.00	4.06	-0.67	86
Canyon De Chelly	67	-4	87	48	0.24	6.82	0.48	108
Coolidge	85	2	107	62	0.00	3.91	-1.15	77
Douglas	76	2	96	57	0.18	8.37	-1.10	88
Flagstaff	61	1	84	38	0.15	12.65	-2.76	82
Grand Canyon	59	4	83	35	0.00	9.44	-4.73	67
Kingman	78	2	100	59	0.01	4.22	-2.64	62
Marana	86	4	105	69	0.00	5.22	-2.52	67
Maricopa	87	3	107	67	0.00	5.26	0.55	112
Paloma	88	0	110	66	0.00	4.03	-0.56	88
Parker	90	4	114	69	0.00	2.30	-0.51	82
Payson	71	2	89	52	0.00	13.80	-0.99	93
Phoenix	92	4	108	78	0.00	7.97	3.24	168
Prescott	72	6	93	51	0.05	8.95	-5.06	64
Roll	90	1	110	71	0.00	2.00	0.04	102
Safford	77	-1	98	58	0.79	5.69	-0.51	92
St. Johns	68	-1	89	48	0.24	5.70	-2.26	72
Tucson	84	2	102	69	0.52	7.11	-0.90	89
Willcox	77	4	99	56	0.10	8.18	-0.70	92
Winslow	71	-1	94	48	0.00	3.55	-1.69	68
Yuma	89	-1	107	77	0.00	1.84	-0.12	94

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

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