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## Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 32 percent complete across the State, 4 percentage points above the five year average. Cotton condition in the State is mostly good. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending October 19, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 2 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 101 degrees at Paloma and Roll, and the lowest reading of 12 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 stations. There are only three stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

## Range and Pasture

Widely scattered showers in early September provided some moisture to rangeland and pastures across Arizona. However, conditions deteriorated rapidly with the lack of rain the last two weeks of the month. The State's rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to excellent depending on location. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly adequate but soil moisture was mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was moderate, mostly due to grasshoppers.

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

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

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on elevation. High elevation conditions were fair to excellent. Mid and low elevation pastures were in poor to excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 October 13 - October 19, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	67	-1	92	39	0.00	6.10	-1.75	78
Buckeye	71	-2	96	39	0.00	4.06	-1.72	70
Canyon De Chelly	46	-8	75	21	0.00	7.64	-0.05	99
Coolidge	67	-3	97	30	0.00	4.38	-1.32	77
Douglas	62	-1	87	37	0.00	9.19	-2.27	80
Flagstaff	45	-3	71	16	0.00	13.54	-4.34	76
Grand Canyon	41	-4	74	12	0.00	10.22	-5.89	63
Kingman	60	-5	87	36	0.00	4.67	-3.12	60
Marana	69	-2	95	38	0.00	5.41	-3.12	63
Maricopa	69	-3	96	37	0.00	5.71	0.19	103
Paloma	70	-2	101	36	0.00	4.16	-0.74	85
Parker	72	-2	98	45	0.00	2.47	-0.66	79
Payson	56	-2	78	30	0.00	14.30	-3.07	82
Phoenix	74	0	96	51	0.00	7.97	2.19	138
Prescott	54	-2	81	27	0.00	9.75	-6.30	61
Roll	72	0	101	43	0.00	2.00	-0.38	84
Safford	62	-3	87	29	0.00	7.95	0.07	101
St. Johns	49	-6	79	18	0.00	6.31	-3.32	66
Tucson	68	-3	94	38	0.00	7.35	-2.60	74
Willcox	59	-2	88	31	0.00	8.56	-2.10	80
Winslow	50	-6	83	21	0.00	3.63	-2.87	56
Yuma	77	2	100	56	0.00	2.00	-0.38	84

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

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