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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 41 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. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central and western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and various citrus.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	41	43	12
Cotton	0	1	18	62	19
Range and Pasture	5	22	33	27	13

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	41	32	42	37

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending October 26, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at St. Johns to 6 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 97 degrees at various

locations, and the lowest reading of 15 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 stations. There are only two stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 October 20 - October 26, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	69	4	92	45	0.00	6.10	-1.87	77
Buckeye	70	2	96	44	0.00	4.06	-1.86	69
Canyon De Chelly	49	-2	74	23	0.00	7.64	-0.29	96
Coolidge	67	0	96	36	0.00	4.38	-1.48	75
Douglas	63	4	88	34	0.00	9.19	-2.48	79
Flagstaff	47	4	76	23	0.00	13.54	-4.69	74
Grand Canyon	44	4	75	15	0.00	10.22	-6.24	62
Kingman	62	2	85	39	0.00	4.67	-3.26	59
Marana	71	5	95	46	0.00	5.41	-3.29	62
Maricopa	69	2	95	40	0.00	5.71	0.12	102
Paloma	70	2	95	42	0.00	4.16	-0.74	85
Parker	72	3	97	44	0.00	2.47	-0.66	79
Payson	58	5	86	31	0.00	14.30	-3.43	81
Phoenix	76	6	97	59	0.00	7.97	2.05	135
Prescott	58	6	81	29	0.00	9.75	-6.55	60
Roll	68	-2	93	42	0.00	2.00	-0.45	82
Safford	63	2	90	34	0.00	7.95	-0.13	98
St. Johns	49	-3	76	20	0.00	6.31	-3.53	64
Tucson	71	5	93	47	0.00	7.35	-2.81	72
Willcox	62	5	88	32	0.00	8.56	-2.34	79
Winslow	52	-1	79	21	0.00	3.63	-3.08	54
Yuma	78	5	97	57	0.00	2.00	-0.45	82

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

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