



United States Department of Agriculture  
National Agricultural Statistics Service

# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

Issue AZ-CW2009 - For the week ending May 17 - Released May 18, 2009



230 North 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue · Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706  
(602) 280-8850 · (602) 280-8897 FAX · [www.nass.usda.gov/az](http://www.nass.usda.gov/az)

## Field Crops

Durum wheat and barley are mature on at least a third of the acreage. Barley has been harvested in the Yuma area. Cotton planting is complete on 85 percent of the acreage across the State. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good to excellent.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped dry onions, potatoes, and seedless watermelons this week.

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal at all of the reporting stations across the State for the week ending May 17, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Roll to 13 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 107 degrees at Buckeye and Coolidge, and the lowest reading of 30 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 22 stations. Marana received 0.08 inches of precipitation. There are still no stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date. Fourteen of the 22 stations are at less than 50 percent of normal precipitation for the year to date.

## Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received only slight precipitation and had below normal temperatures throughout the first three weeks of April. The last two weeks of the month had no precipitation for the State and above normal temperatures. Average rangeland and pasture conditions varied from very poor to fair in the Northern region but were mostly fair in the Central and Southern regions. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate. Soil moisture remained mostly short. Insect damage was mostly none to light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions at low elevation continued mostly poor. Mid elevation pastures were mostly fair but high elevation areas were mostly fair to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies remain mostly adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. No insect damage was reported.

In the Central and Southern regions, rangeland and pasture conditions for all three elevations were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage remained mostly light.

**Major Contributors:** The University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension Service; U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Rural Economic and Community Development Services; Arizona Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization.

United States Department of Agriculture  
 National Agricultural Statistics Service  
 Arizona Field Office  
 230 N. 1<sup>st</sup> Ave, Suite 303  
 Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

FIRST-CLASS MAIL  
 POSTAGE & FEES PAID  
 USDA  
 PERMIT NO. G-38

Official Business  
 Penalty For Private Use \$300  
[www.nass.usda.gov/az](http://www.nass.usda.gov/az)  
 Address Service Requested

**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**May 11, 2009 - May 17, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	78	8	102	57	0.00	1.29	-2.64	33
Buckeye	83	6	107	62	0.00	0.84	-1.72	33
Canyon De Chelly	68	9	86	46	0.00	1.59	-1.33	54
Coolidge	79	5	107	53	0.00	1.39	-1.82	43
Douglas	74	9	97	48	0.00	0.98	-1.05	48
Flagstaff	58	9	79	35	0.00	2.84	-5.83	33
Grand Canyon	56	11	81	30	0.00	2.63	-6.05	30
Kingman	75	9	96	54	0.00	2.49	-1.15	68
Marana	82	9	102	62	0.08	1.76	-2.01	47
Maricopa	83	8	104	63	0.00	0.71	-2.16	25
Paloma	80	4	106	57	0.00	0.97	-1.83	35
Parker	82	5	105	60	0.00	0.59	-1.49	28
Payson	66	7	89	44	0.00	4.22	-3.49	55
Phoenix	88	11	103	72	0.00	1.68	-0.88	66
Prescott	69	13	89	48	0.00	2.04	-4.00	34
Roll	80	3	103	55	0.00	0.61	-0.35	64
Safford	77	9	98	55	0.00	1.07	-1.16	48
St. Johns	67	8	89	44	0.00	0.71	-2.13	25
Tucson	83	10	101	62	0.00	1.72	-1.04	62
Willcox	74	10	96	51	0.00	1.64	-1.02	62
Winslow	70	9	92	47	0.00	0.65	-1.30	33
Yuma	85	8	102	68	0.00	0.62	-0.34	65

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

Director:  
 Steve Manheimer  
 Deputy Director:  
 David DeWalt

Agricultural Statisticians  
 Dianne Matta                      Curt Stock  
 Maria Bautista                    Jeff Lemmons  
 Clare Jervis