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**Field Crops**

Bolls are set on 99 percent of the cotton acreage ahead of the five-year average of 98 percent. Opening of bolls has occurred on 43 percent, same as last year's 43 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 40 percent. Cotton conditions are mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

**Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous watermelons this week.

**Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	6	19	70	5
Cotton	0	0	18	58	24
Range and Pasture	74	9	9	4	4

**Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	99	95	97	98
• Bolls Opening	43	30	43	40

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending August 23, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Payson and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Roll and the lowest reading of 34 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 20 of the 22 stations. Safford received the most at .72 inches of precipitation. Yuma received the least with 0.01 inches. Willcox is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data**  
**August 17, 2009 - August 23, 2009**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	84	6	105	62	0.36	3.55	-2.69	57
Buckeye	88	-3	108	69	0.60	2.13	-2.12	50
Canyon De Chelly	74	1	96	51	0.05	3.58	-2.16	62
Coolidge	85	-2	108	58	0.15	2.53	-2.16	54
Douglas	82	6	102	65	0.18	4.24	-4.05	51
Flagstaff	66	3	90	42	0.02	6.82	-7.35	48
Grand Canyon	64	6	93	34	0.36	6.92	-6.35	52
Kingman	82	2	102	62	0.16	3.03	-3.15	49
Marana	88	3	108	70	0.14	3.74	-3.29	53
Maricopa	89	2	108	68	0.24	2.97	-1.40	68
Paloma	89	-2	110	68	0.30	1.50	-2.70	36
Parker	84	-6	105	59	0.04	1.03	-1.62	39
Payson	79	7	100	56	0.20	8.80	-4.56	66
Phoenix	94	4	109	76	0.00	2.63	-1.62	62
Prescott	76	7	97	56	0.00	5.15	-7.41	41
Roll	88	-4	111	61	0.04	0.70	-1.02	41
Safford	82	2	102	58	0.72	3.28	-2.14	61
St. Johns	74	3	96	49	0.49	2.47	-4.50	35
Tucson	88	4	105	71	0.19	4.68	-2.36	66
Willcox	82	6	105	58	0.14	8.20	0.40	105
Winslow	76	1	100	52	0.07	1.78	-2.89	38
Yuma	94	3	109	79	0.01	0.76	-0.96	44

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

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