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Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 75 percent of the cotton acreage, behind last year's 79 percent and the five-year average of 76 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 13, ranging from 1 degree above normal at Roll to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 42 degrees occurred at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received 0.01 inches and Tucson received .70 inches of precipitation. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received very light monsoon activity throughout the month of August. Temperatures statewide were above normal during every week of August. Range and pasture conditions varied from poor to good across the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly poor to fair. Low elevation pastures were in mostly very poor to poor condition. Mid and high elevation pastures were in mostly poor to fair condition. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In the Central areas of the State, rangeland and pasture conditions were fair to good. Pasture conditions in lower elevations were mostly good. Mid elevation conditions were mostly poor to good. High elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short. Insect damage remains light.

In the Southern region, rangeland conditions varied from poor to good. Low elevation pastures were mostly poor, but mid and high elevation pastures were mostly fair to good. Cattle remain in mostly fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture levels remain mostly short. Insect damage is light.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 6, 2009 - September 13, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	83	4	102	65	0.00	3.70	-3.30	53
Buckeye	89	3	106	71	0.00	2.30	-2.58	47
Canyon De Chelly	70	3	87	52	0.24	3.82	-2.66	59
Coolidge	84	2	104	64	0.00	2.92	-2.18	57
Douglas	76	3	93	58	0.26	4.77	-5.01	49
Flagstaff	62	4	78	42	0.02	7.61	-8.15	48
Grand Canyon	62	8	83	42	0.01	7.54	-6.88	52
Kingman	81	5	99	64	0.00	4.22	-2.78	60
Marana	86	4	102	70	0.08	4.35	-3.49	55
Maricopa	87	4	105	69	0.00	3.38	-1.43	70
Paloma	89	3	108	70	0.06	1.56	-3.10	33
Parker	87	2	108	69	0.00	1.03	-1.83	36
Payson	70	2	88	53	0.06	9.26	-5.90	61
Phoenix	93	6	106	79	0.00	2.80	-2.08	57
Prescott	72	7	89	55	0.00	5.94	-8.43	41
Roll	89	1	110	70	0.00	0.82	-1.20	41
Safford	79	3	94	62	0.02	3.42	-3.03	53
St. Johns	68	2	84	51	0.14	2.98	-5.22	36
Tucson	84	3	100	70	0.70	5.42	-2.89	65
Willcox	77	5	97	59	0.12	8.86	-0.27	97
Winslow	72	3	88	52	0.04	2.17	-3.22	40
Yuma	94	6	109	80	0.00	2.40	0.38	119

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

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