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Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 85 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 94 percent, and behind the five-year average of 92 percent. Harvesting is 21 percent complete, ahead of last year at 20 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 15 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped miscellaneous melons this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	24	40	26	10
Cotton	-	4	15	59	22
Range and Pasture	47	20	22	8	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	85	82	94	92
• Harvesting	21	17	20	15

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 27, ranging from 7 degrees below normal at Canyon de Chelly to 7 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees at Paloma

and the lowest reading of 30 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 22 stations. Canyon de Chelly received 0.02 inches of precipitation. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
September 21, 2009 - September 27, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	80	2	104	56	0.00	3.70	-3.68	50
Buckeye	83	1	106	57	0.00	2.30	-2.99	43
Canyon De Chelly	57	-7	82	35	0.02	3.89	-3.01	56
Coolidge	78	-2	105	54	0.00	2.92	-2.32	56
Douglas	73	3	94	51	0.00	4.85	-5.69	46
Flagstaff	56	2	79	34	0.00	7.63	-9.03	46
Grand Canyon	55	4	82	30	0.00	7.73	-7.31	51
Kingman	75	3	96	55	0.00	4.26	-3.06	58
Marana	82	4	104	58	0.00	4.35	-3.64	54
Maricopa	80	0	105	56	0.00	3.38	-1.71	66
Paloma	82	0	110	59	0.00	1.58	-3.22	33
Parker	81	-2	107	57	0.00	1.03	-1.97	34
Payson	66	2	89	44	0.00	9.26	-6.81	58
Phoenix	88	6	106	70	0.00	2.80	-2.49	53
Prescott	67	5	90	45	0.00	5.94	-9.25	39
Roll	82	-2	109	55	0.00	0.82	-1.34	38
Safford	73	2	96	51	0.00	3.62	-3.42	51
St. Johns	59	-5	84	32	0.00	3.09	-5.70	35
Tucson	82	4	100	66	0.00	5.42	-3.63	60
Willcox	73	5	94	49	0.00	9.36	-0.38	96
Winslow	63	-3	89	38	0.00	2.33	-3.48	40
Yuma	91	7	109	72	0.00	2.40	0.24	111

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

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