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Field Crops

Opening of bolls has occurred on 93 percent of the cotton acreage, below last year's 100 percent, and behind the five-year average of 98 percent. Harvesting is 30 percent complete, ahead of last year at 28 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 23 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 good. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupe and honeydew melons this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	2	29	31	32	6
Cotton	-	2	23	59	16
Range and Pasture	48	21	21	8	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	93	90	100	98
• Harvesting	30	25	28	23

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending October 11, ranging from 12 degrees below normal at Parker to 2 degrees above normal at Douglas and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Roll and the lowest reading of 15 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 6 of the 22 stations. The Flagstaff received the most at .23 inches and Prescott received the least at 0.03 inches of precipitation. Yuma is the only reporting station with above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
October 5, 2009 - October 11, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	63	-10	85	38	0.00	3.70	-3.96	48
Buckeye	68	-9	89	48	0.00	2.30	-3.30	41
Canyon De Chelly	51	-6	72	25	0.05	3.94	-3.38	54
Coolidge	66	-8	86	40	0.00	2.92	-2.57	53
Douglas	67	2	84	40	0.00	5.18	-5.97	46
Flagstaff	45	-6	66	24	0.23	7.87	-9.56	45
Grand Canyon	43	-5	68	15	0.16	7.89	-7.77	50
Kingman	58	-9	79	36	0.00	4.26	-3.34	56
Marana	70	-4	88	50	0.00	4.59	-3.67	56
Maricopa	68	-7	87	48	0.00	3.38	-1.99	63
Paloma	69	-8	91	46	0.00	1.58	-3.33	32
Parker	65	-12	90	39	0.00	1.03	-2.09	33
Payson	55	-6	74	32	0.00	9.26	-7.65	55
Phoenix	74	-4	92	59	0.00	2.80	-2.80	50
Prescott	55	-3	74	33	0.03	5.97	-9.81	38
Roll	67	-10	93	42	0.00	0.82	-1.48	36
Safford	67	-1	87	39	0.00	3.73	-3.87	49
St. Johns	58	1	77	34	0.06	3.15	-6.20	34
Tucson	71	-3	88	51	0.00	5.47	-4.18	57
Willcox	65	2	84	37	0.00	9.42	-0.88	91
Winslow	57	-3	79	30	0.16	2.49	-3.74	40
Yuma	73	-7	92	55	0.00	2.40	0.10	104

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

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