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Field Crops

Arizona's upland cotton crop has bolls opening on 63 percent of the acreage. Harvesting is underway in the Yuma area. The condition of the cotton crop varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Arizona growers remained active with the harvest of miscellaneous melons.

Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive spotty, but much needed moisture from seasonal rains. Areas that receive precipitation are maintaining their forage. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			- Percent -		
Alfalfa	-	4	27	46	23
Range and Pasture	29	22	27	18	4
Cotton	-	1	25	47	27

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
		- Percent -		
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	63	55	49	58
• Harvested	3	-	5	6

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending September 4th, ranging from two degrees below normal at Parker to 12 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon, Prescott and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 42 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was recorded in 8 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Grand Canyon with 0.03 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Douglas with 0.69 inches. Roll is the only weather station that has above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
August 29 2011 - September 4, 2011

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	87	8	106	68	0.00	3.15	-3.57	47
Buckeye	95	6	113	75	0.00	2.40	-2.21	52
Canyon De Chelly	76	7	96	58	0.14	3.29	-2.92	53
Coolidge	89	5	110	69	0.16	2.10	-2.89	42
Douglas	86	11	104	67	0.69	4.42	-4.78	48
Flagstaff	66	6	85	45	0.00	11.34	-3.79	75
Grand Canyon	68	12	89	42	0.03	7.75	-6.22	55
Kingman	85	8	102	66	0.00	5.09	-1.63	76
Marana	92	9	108	75	0.00	2.41	-5.21	32
Maricopa	93	8	111	74	0.00	1.25	-3.38	27
Paloma	91	3	111	72	0.05	3.31	-1.21	73
Parker	87	-2	106	65	0.00	1.74	-1.03	63
Payson	76	7	94	56	0.00	9.83	-4.64	68
Phoenix	99	11	113	87	0.00	2.62	-1.99	57
Prescott	78	12	95	61	0.00	5.00	-8.69	37
Roll	93	3	115	70	0.00	2.27	0.34	118
Safford	86	9	104	68	0.04	2.41	-3.59	40
St. Johns	75	6	94	54	0.25	4.64	-3.10	60
Tucson	92	10	108	77	0.00	4.12	-3.65	53
Willcox	86	12	105	65	0.00	8.33	-0.31	96
Winslow	79	8	100	57	0.33	3.08	-2.04	60
Yuma	97	7	113	82	0.00	0.83	-1.10	43

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