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Field Crops

Arizona's upland cotton crop has bolls opening on 75 percent of the acreage. Harvesting is gaining momentum 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 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. Some water tanks are dry due to lack of rain.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	3	16	39	42
Range and Pasture	31	19	28	18	4
Cotton	-	1	21	48	30

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	75	63	67	72
• Harvested	5	3	9	10

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending September 11th, ranging from three degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 113 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 43 degrees at Flagstaff.

Precipitation was recorded in all but 2 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Buckeye with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in both Flagstaff and Tucson with 2.23 inches. Roll and Willcox are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 5 2011 - September 11, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	85	5	104	68	0.03	3.18	-3.76	46
Buckeye	91	4	110	75	0.01	2.41	-2.41	50
Canyon De Chelly	66	-3	89	46	0.04	3.30	-3.12	51
Coolidge	85	3	104	66	0.07	2.17	-2.91	43
Douglas	82	8	100	60	0.53	4.95	-4.71	51
Flagstaff	63	4	84	43	2.23	13.57	-2.05	87
Grand Canyon	65	10	86	45	1.00	8.75	-5.57	61
Kingman	82	6	102	64	0.07	5.16	-1.78	74
Marana	87	5	106	66	0.11	2.52	-5.28	32
Maricopa	88	4	108	69	0.31	1.56	-3.21	33
Paloma	89	2	110	71	0.00	3.31	-1.33	71
Parker	85	-2	105	64	0.05	1.79	-1.05	63
Payson	72	4	93	52	0.39	10.22	-4.80	68
Phoenix	95	9	110	77	0.00	2.62	-2.20	54
Prescott	75	9	95	58	0.47	5.47	-8.76	38
Roll	89	-1	112	68	0.75	3.02	1.02	151
Safford	80	3	98	60	0.47	2.88	-3.47	45
St. Johns	70	3	89	51	0.60	5.24	-2.86	65
Tucson	87	5	106	64	2.23	6.35	-1.84	78
Willcox	79	6	101	56	0.98	9.31	0.28	103
Winslow	72	2	94	53	0.58	3.66	-1.67	69
Yuma	96	7	113	79	0.46	1.29	-0.71	65
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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