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## Field Crops

Arizona’s upland cotton crop has bolls opening on 85 percent of the acreage. Harvesting is 15 percent complete, slightly ahead of the 5-year average. 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 received much needed rains throughout the State. Areas that received precipitation are maintaining their forage. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Some water tanks are filled due to recent rains.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	5	25	42	28
Range and Pasture	23	20	32	21	4
Cotton	2	6	20	49	23

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	85	75	77	81
• Harvested	15	3	12	13

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending September 18th, ranging from six degrees below normal at Parker and Roll to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees at Buckeye, Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 38 degrees at Flagstaff.

Precipitation was recorded in all but 1 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Phoenix with 0.02 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Tucson with 3.54 inches. Roll, Tucson, and Willcox are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation for the week.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 12 2011 - September 18, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	76	-5	96	58	0.10	3.28	-3.87	46
Buckeye	82	-5	103	65	0.07	2.48	-2.55	49
Canyon De Chelly	63	-4	79	46	1.04	4.34	-2.29	65
Coolidge	79	-3	101	55	0.21	2.38	-2.77	46
Douglas	75	2	91	57	0.28	5.23	-4.85	52
Flagstaff	55	-3	71	38	1.10	14.67	-1.44	91
Grand Canyon	56	4	72	39	1.79	10.54	-4.13	72
Kingman	70	-5	89	54	1.22	6.38	-0.76	89
Marana	81	-1	98	66	0.55	3.07	-4.83	39
Maricopa	81	-3	98	62	0.08	1.64	-3.27	33
Paloma	81	-5	101	60	0.00	3.31	-1.40	70
Parker	80	-6	101	61	0.43	2.22	-0.69	76
Payson	66	-2	83	45	0.63	10.85	-4.66	70
Phoenix	88	3	102	72	0.02	2.64	-2.39	52
Prescott	65	1	81	51	1.27	6.74	-7.96	46
Roll	82	-6	103	63	0.04	3.06	0.99	148
Safford	73	-3	90	54	1.09	3.75	-2.93	56
St. Johns	65	-2	78	49	1.12	6.36	-2.07	75
Tucson	78	-3	92	65	3.54	9.89	1.29	115
Willcox	70	-2	88	51	0.21	9.52	0.14	101
Winslow	66	-3	82	50	0.96	4.62	-0.92	83
Yuma	87	1	103	70	0.12	1.41	-0.66	68

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

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