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Field Crops

Arizona's upland cotton crop has bolls opening on 88 percent of the acreage. Harvesting is 17 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 didn't receive much rain last week. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Some water tanks remain full, however due to earlier rains.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	4	31	46	19
Range and Pasture	21	22	31	22	4
Cotton	1	4	23	51	21

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	88	85	84	88
• Harvested	17	15	15	16

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending September 25th, ranging from two degrees below normal at Parker to 9 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 111 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 33 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was recorded in 3 of the 22

weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in both Douglas and Flagstaff with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Paloma with 0.06 inches. Roll and Tucson are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation since January.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 19, 2011 - September 25, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	81	3	102	60	0.00	3.28	-4.06	45
Buckeye	85	2	104	65	0.00	2.48	-2.76	47
Canyon De Chelly	63	0	83	41	0.00	4.34	-2.50	63
Coolidge	80	2	106	54	0.00	2.38	-2.84	46
Douglas	78	8	97	57	0.01	5.24	-5.20	50
Flagstaff	58	3	80	33	0.01	14.68	-1.86	89
Grand Canyon	59	8	81	36	0.00	10.54	-4.42	70
Kingman	78	6	97	59	0.00	6.38	-0.90	88
Marana	85	6	103	65	0.00	3.07	-4.90	39
Maricopa	83	3	105	59	0.00	1.64	-3.41	32
Paloma	84	1	109	59	0.06	3.37	-1.41	71
Parker	82	-2	106	58	0.00	2.22	-0.76	74
Payson	68	4	89	47	0.00	10.85	-5.10	68
Phoenix	92	9	108	74	0.00	2.64	-2.60	50
Prescott	71	8	89	52	0.00	6.74	-8.35	45
Roll	85	2	111	60	0.00	3.06	0.92	143
Safford	75	3	96	55	0.00	3.75	-3.21	54
St. Johns	66	3	86	46	0.00	6.36	-2.35	73
Tucson	83	5	100	65	0.00	9.89	0.94	111
Willcox	74	5	98	50	0.00	9.52	-0.14	99
Winslow	70	4	89	46	0.00	4.62	-1.13	80
Yuma	91	7	108	72	0.00	1.41	-0.73	66
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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