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Field Crops

Nearly all of Arizona’s acreage has open bolls. Harvesting is 22 percent complete, just below the 5-year average of 24. The condition of the cotton crop varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Harvesting is active on over two-thirds of the acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews and lemons.

Range and Pasture

Range and pastures received minimal moisture last week. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Cold weather combined with small amounts of precipitation has stopped forage production in many areas.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	5	33	44	17
Range and Pasture	25	22	29	20	4
Cotton	-	5	22	54	19

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	98	95	95	96
• Harvested	22	20	20	24

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal for the week ending October 9th, ranging from 10 degrees below normal at Parker and Aguila to 4 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 24 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded

in 20 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Douglas and Yuma with 0.01 inches. The most precipitation was recorded in Flagstaff with 1.57 inches. Roll and Tucson are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation for the year. Prescott is only 49 percent of normal.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 3, 2011 - October 9, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	64	-10	92	43	0.21	3.49	-4.13	46
Buckeye	70	-8	98	47	0.08	2.56	-3.00	46
Canyon De Chelly	51	-8	73	29	0.41	4.77	-2.49	66
Coolidge	66	-9	97	38	0.11	2.49	-2.96	46
Douglas	70	4	91	36	0.01	5.48	-5.59	50
Flagstaff	46	-5	69	27	1.57	16.38	-0.95	95
Grand Canyon	46	-2	72	24	0.65	11.45	-4.11	74
Kingman	61	-8	89	43	0.68	7.15	-0.41	95
Marana	69	-6	96	45	0.16	3.35	-4.86	41
Maricopa	68	-8	98	42	0.07	1.71	-3.62	32
Paloma	69	-9	99	43	0.16	3.53	-1.36	72
Parker	68	-10	94	45	0.00	2.22	-0.88	72
Payson	55	-6	80	30	0.62	11.62	-5.17	69
Phoenix	77	-2	100	58	0.06	2.70	-2.86	49
Prescott	55	-3	81	34	0.53	7.66	-8.04	49
Roll	71	-7	101	47	0.00	3.06	0.78	134
Safford	66	-3	91	36	0.10	3.85	-3.67	51
St. Johns	52	-7	76	31	0.58	6.94	-2.33	75
Tucson	71	-4	93	45	0.03	9.98	0.41	104
Willcox	63	-2	88	32	0.08	9.60	-0.62	94
Winslow	57	-4	80	34	0.33	5.00	-1.17	81
Yuma	76	-4	102	57	0.01	1.42	-0.86	62
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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