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Field Crops

Nearly all of Arizona’s acreage has open bolls. Harvesting is 38 percent complete, just above the 5-year average of 36. 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 no moisture last week. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Above normal temperatures have helped sustain forage availability.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | - Percent - | | | | |
| Alfalfa | - | 4 | 32 | 47 | 17 |
| Range and Pasture | 28 | 24 | 27 | 16 | 5 |
| Cotton | - | 7 | 24 | 46 | 23 |

Crop Progress

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | - Percent - | | | |
| Cotton | | | | |
| • Harvested | 38 | 25 | 25 | 36 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal for the week ending October 23rd, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Parker to 11 degrees above normal at Douglas and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 23 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was not recorded in any of the 22 weather stations this week. Roll is the only weather station that has above normal precipitation for the year. Only 5 of the weather stations have received precipitation to date above 80 percent of normal.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| October 17, 2011 - October 23, 2011 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 72 | 6 | 94 | 49 | 0.00 | 3.49 | -4.41 | 44 |
| Buckeye | 77 | 7 | 98 | 55 | 0.00 | 2.56 | -3.28 | 44 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 53 | 2 | 80 | 30 | 0.00 | 4.77 | -3.03 | 61 |
| Coolidge | 73 | 5 | 98 | 48 | 0.00 | 2.49 | -3.28 | 43 |
| Douglas | 72 | 11 | 96 | 50 | 0.00 | 5.48 | -6.08 | 47 |
| Flagstaff | 50 | 4 | 73 | 27 | 0.00 | 16.38 | -1.65 | 91 |
| Grand Canyon | 49 | 6 | 76 | 23 | 0.00 | 11.45 | -4.81 | 70 |
| Kingman | 67 | 6 | 88 | 46 | 0.00 | 7.15 | -0.69 | 91 |
| Marana | 77 | 9 | 95 | 60 | 0.00 | 3.35 | -5.27 | 39 |
| Maricopa | 75 | 6 | 96 | 52 | 0.00 | 1.71 | -3.84 | 31 |
| Paloma | 75 | 6 | 99 | 52 | 0.00 | 3.53 | -1.38 | 72 |
| Parker | 73 | 2 | 98 | 48 | 0.00 | 2.22 | -0.91 | 71 |
| Payson | 60 | 5 | 83 | 38 | 0.00 | 11.62 | -5.90 | 66 |
| Phoenix | 83 | 11 | 98 | 67 | 0.00 | 2.70 | -3.14 | 46 |
| Prescott | 62 | 10 | 83 | 41 | 0.00 | 7.66 | -8.48 | 47 |
| Roll | 77 | 8 | 101 | 53 | 0.00 | 3.06 | 0.64 | 126 |
| Safford | 67 | 5 | 93 | 44 | 0.00 | 3.85 | -4.12 | 48 |
| St. Johns | 57 | 4 | 84 | 31 | 0.00 | 6.94 | -2.77 | 71 |
| Tucson | 77 | 9 | 96 | 60 | 0.00 | 9.98 | -0.06 | 99 |
| Willcox | 66 | 8 | 95 | 42 | 0.00 | 9.60 | -1.18 | 89 |
| Winslow | 59 | 6 | 87 | 35 | 0.00 | 5.00 | -1.59 | 76 |
| Yuma | 84 | 10 | 102 | 66 | 0.00 | 1.42 | -1.00 | 59 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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