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Field Crops

Cotton squaring was complete on 85 percent of the acreage compared to the 5-year average of 74 percent. Thirty-five percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls. Cotton conditions are mostly fair to excellent. Alfalfa conditions continue mostly fair to excellent across the state. Alfalfa harvesting is active on over three-quarters of the growing area across the State. The durum wheat harvest is virtually complete.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed and miscellaneous melons, watermelons, onions, and potatoes.

Range and Pasture

In spite of recent rains, rangeland and pasture continue to suffer drought like conditions. Grazing areas remain in mostly very poor to fair condition. Ranchers have reported hauling water to cattle due to wells reducing output. Wildfire concerns remain in many areas across the State.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	2	23	46	29
Range and Pasture	44	28	22	5	1
Cotton	1	7	20	43	29

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	85	81	74	74
• Setting Bolls	35	25	31	35

Weather Summary

Temperatures were near normal across the State for the week ending July 8th, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 41 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Eighteen of the 21

weather stations recorded precipitation for the week ending July 8th. Flagstaff received the least at .01 inches and Safford received the most at 1.01 inches. All weather stations are below 75 percent of normal precipitation for the year, except Safford at 77 percent.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
July 2, 2012 - July 8, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	82	-4	106	65	0.56	1.39	-2.97	32
Buckeye	86	-4	107	69	0.32	1.16	-1.72	40
Canyon De Chelly	78	5	99	59	0.14	1.32	-2.35	36
Coolidge	84	-3	105	66	0.04	1.61	-1.76	48
Douglas	80	1	102	64	0.43	1.20	-2.09	36
Flagstaff	68	3	88	51	0.01	4.47	-5.41	45
Grand Canyon	67	7	91	41	0.03	3.32	-6.70	33
Kingman	82	-1	100	63	0.03	2.73	-1.42	66
Maricopa	89	1	108	70	0.29	0.71	-2.41	23
Paloma	85	-4	111	67	0.16	0.75	-2.20	25
Parker	84	-5	105	64	0.05	0.46	-1.66	22
Payson	76	2	94	57	0.00	2.09	-6.70	24
Phoenix	93	0	109	77	0.14	0.50	-2.38	17
Prescott	77	5	95	60	0.06	2.42	-4.97	33
Roll	87	-1	112	67	0.18	0.32	-0.66	33
Safford	84	2	104	66	1.01	2.24	-0.66	77
St. Johns	77	5	97	59	0.00	0.42	-3.48	11
Tucson	87	0	105	70	0.84	1.86	-1.62	53
Willcox	81	3	105	60	0.92	2.15	-1.43	60
Winslow	82	5	100	60	0.12	1.03	-1.62	39
Yuma	91	-2	111	76	0.00	0.09	-0.89	9
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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