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Field Crops

Cotton squaring was complete on 90 percent of the acreage compared to the 5-year average of 84 percent. Fifty-five percent of the cotton acreage has set bolls compared to the 5-year average of 48 percent. Cotton conditions are fair to excellent. Alfalfa conditions continue 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, and watermelons.

Range and Pasture

A few storms have relieved the heat but rangeland and pasture continue to suffer drought like conditions. Grazing areas remain in mostly very poor to fair condition. The heat is causing stock tanks and reservoirs to dry rapidly.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	4	36	46	14
Range and Pasture	64	16	13	5	2
Cotton	1	10	24	42	23

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Squaring	90	85	82	84
• Setting Bolls	55	35	41	48

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending July 15th, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Yuma. The lowest

reading was 48 degrees at Flagstaff and the Grand Canyon. All 21 weather stations recorded precipitation for the week ending July 15th. Douglas received the least at .03 inches and Prescott received the most at 2.22 inches for the week ending July 15, 2012.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
July 9, 2012 - July 15, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	85	-2	109	67	1.13	2.52	-2.07	55
Buckeye	89	-2	110	73	0.34	1.50	-1.58	49
Canyon De Chelly	78	3	94	60	0.06	1.38	-2.57	35
Coolidge	86	-1	110	69	1.67	3.28	-0.22	94
Douglas	83	4	99	66	0.03	1.23	-2.84	30
Flagstaff	66	0	89	48	0.89	5.36	-5.16	51
Grand Canyon	68	7	93	48	0.85	4.17	-6.30	40
Kingman	85	3	108	63	1.61	4.34	-0.04	99
Maricopa	90	2	112	72	0.55	1.26	-2.01	39
Paloma	89	-1	114	74	1.01	1.76	-1.31	57
Parker	87	-3	108	68	0.35	0.81	-1.38	37
Payson	76	2	95	59	0.63	2.72	-6.64	29
Phoenix	96	3	113	76	0.59	1.09	-1.99	35
Prescott	78	6	99	59	2.22	4.64	-3.47	57
Roll	91	3	114	73	0.40	0.72	-0.33	69
Safford	84	2	99	70	0.14	2.38	-0.93	72
St. Johns	78	4	94	62	0.05	0.47	-3.82	11
Tucson	89	3	105	72	0.94	2.80	-1.22	70
Willcox	84	5	99	63	0.13	2.28	-1.90	55
Winslow	81	3	98	63	0.38	1.41	-1.51	48
Yuma	95	2	115	76	1.86	1.95	0.90	186
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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