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## Field Crops

Ninety-five percent of Arizona's cotton acreage has set bolls, 7 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 6 points ahead of last year. Bolls opening is at 25 percent. The condition of the cotton crop varies from mostly fair to excellent. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting is active on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped watermelons last week.

## Range and Pasture

Range and pastures continued to receive some much needed moisture from scattered seasonal rains. Many areas are showing new forage however more rain is necessary for rangeland conditions to improve. Most rangeland remains in very poor to fair condition. Rain has replenished water to many stock tanks.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	1	3	20	49	27
Range and Pasture	36	27	24	10	3
Cotton	1	2	16	46	35

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	95	82	89	88
• Bolls Opening	25	15	35	26

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending August 12th, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Flagstaff to 13 degrees above normal at Aguila. The highest temperature of the week was 116 degrees at Phoenix and Roll. The lowest reading

was 49 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Twelve out of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Canyon De Chelly received the least at 0.03 inches and Parker received the most at 0.67 inches.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 6, 2012 - August 12, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	92	13	110	74	0.00	2.62	-3.20	45
Buckeye	96	6	114	79	0.00	1.60	-2.35	41
Canyon De Chelly	78	4	98	55	0.03	3.08	-2.27	58
Coolidge	92	6	113	71	0.00	4.01	-0.35	92
Douglas	85	8	101	69	0.44	2.96	-4.39	40
Flagstaff	68	3	88	50	0.14	8.08	-5.22	61
Grand Canyon	69	9	90	49	0.10	6.00	-6.58	48
Kingman	88	7	106	69	0.42	5.13	-0.56	90
Maricopa	97	8	114	78	0.00	2.40	-1.71	58
Paloma	95	5	115	78	0.10	3.22	-0.65	83
Parker	93	4	112	75	0.67	1.84	-0.64	74
Payson	79	5	97	61	0.65	7.58	-4.74	62
Phoenix	102	11	116	89	0.00	1.32	-2.63	33
Prescott	80	10	100	63	0.00	5.37	-6.10	47
Roll	97	6	116	78	0.08	0.91	-0.58	61
Safford	88	7	106	70	0.00	4.82	-0.10	98
St. Johns	78	5	96	59	0.34	3.39	-2.89	54
Tucson	93	9	108	76	0.12	5.27	-1.07	83
Willcox	84	7	106	56	0.30	5.56	-1.38	80
Winslow	81	5	100	62	0.00	3.19	-1.06	75
Yuma	100	7	114	86	0.00	1.95	0.46	131
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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