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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening is at 65 percent, 18 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 14 points ahead of last year. Cotton harvesting is underway in the Yuma area. The condition of the cotton crop varies from mostly good to excellent depending on location. 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 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	8	25	49	17
Range and Pasture	33	20	31	13	3
Cotton	1	2	12	49	36

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	99	98	99	98
• Bolls Opening	65	50	51	47

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending August 26th, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Buckeye to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading

was 46 degrees at the Grand Canyon. All except one of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Parker and Roll received the least at 0.01 inches and Saint Johns received the most at 2.57 inches of precipitation.

NASS is currently conducting our annual September surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of September, NASS is surveying U.S. small grains growers for final production. We are also asking hog producers about their summer pig crop, next year's farrowing intentions, and current inventory. The responses will provide the foundation for 2012 production estimates. All participating farmers should respond. Your information matters!

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 20, 2012 - August 26, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	83	5	100	67	0.20	3.37	-3.04	53
Buckeye	87	-4	105	72	1.21	3.07	-1.30	70
Canyon De Chelly	73	2	92	54	0.45	3.65	-2.26	62
Coolidge	84	-2	102	70	1.13	5.16	0.34	107
Douglas	79	4	94	65	1.44	5.54	-3.06	64
Flagstaff	64	2	81	49	2.21	10.43	-4.06	72
Grand Canyon	66	8	87	46	0.90	6.91	-6.60	51
Kingman	81	2	98	63	0.91	6.36	-0.03	100
Maricopa	87	-1	104	71	0.89	4.06	-0.39	91
Paloma	87	-3	106	72	0.34	4.43	0.12	103
Parker	90	2	105	73	0.01	1.85	-0.84	69
Payson	72	1	87	58	1.00	9.21	-4.55	67
Phoenix	91	1	106	73	1.20	2.77	-1.60	63
Prescott	73	4	88	60	2.51	8.29	-4.67	64
Roll	90	-2	109	72	0.01	0.92	-0.87	51
Safford	80	1	97	64	0.49	6.77	1.15	120
St. Johns	72	2	92	57	2.57	6.34	-0.92	87
Tucson	85	2	101	71	0.96	6.30	-0.99	86
Willcox	77	2	97	51	0.11	6.43	-1.68	79
Winslow	76	2	94	60	0.56	4.41	-0.42	91
Yuma	94	3	106	79	0.00	1.95	0.16	109
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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