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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening is at 75 percent, 19 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 continue to need much needed moisture. Previous scattered seasonal rains were not enough to improve rangeland moisture, although some areas are showing new forage. Most rangeland remains in very poor to fair condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	1	5	19	41	34
Range and Pasture	33	19	31	13	4
Cotton	1	2	12	48	37

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	75	65	61	56

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending September 2, ranging from 1 degree below normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 112 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 48 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Fourteen of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week.

Prescott received the least at 0.01 inches and Douglas received the most at 0.15 inches of precipitation. Eleven of the 21 weather stations have less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only three (Coolidge, Safford, and Yuma) have received above normal precipitation to date.

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 27, 2012 - September 2, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	7	103	67	0.16	3.53	-3.16	53
Buckeye	90	2	108	71	0.00	3.07	-1.51	67
Canyon De Chelly	76	6	94	56	0.02	3.67	-2.52	59
Coolidge	89	5	109	71	0.00	5.16	0.18	104
Douglas	79	5	97	60	0.15	5.69	-3.43	62
Flagstaff	66	5	81	50	0.09	10.52	-4.53	70
Grand Canyon	66	10	85	48	0.13	7.04	-6.88	51
Kingman	82	4	99	66	0.00	6.36	-0.33	95
Maricopa	91	6	106	74	0.00	4.06	-0.55	88
Paloma	90	2	108	70	0.00	4.43	-0.06	99
Parker	88	-1	110	69	0.00	1.85	-0.91	67
Payson	75	6	93	58	0.12	9.33	-5.06	65
Phoenix	96	8	109	86	0.00	2.77	-1.81	60
Prescott	75	8	90	61	0.01	8.30	-5.31	61
Roll	92	2	112	71	0.02	0.94	-0.97	49
Safford	82	4	100	62	0.13	6.90	0.95	116
St. Johns	74	5	90	57	0.02	6.36	-1.33	83
Tucson	89	6	103	75	0.02	6.32	-1.39	82
Willcox	80	6	101	49	0.05	6.48	-2.10	76
Winslow	78	5	95	61	0.09	4.50	-0.59	88
Yuma	94	4	110	80	0.12	2.07	0.16	108
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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