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Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on 85 percent of the cotton acreage, 18 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 13 points ahead of last year. Cotton harvesting continued in the Yuma area. Over 85 percent of the cotton crop was rated in good to excellent condition depending on location. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on 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 conditions improved slightly from much needed scattered monsoon rains, however more moisture is needed to mitigate the effects of below normal precipitation received this year. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	2	9	27	42	20
Range and Pasture	29	18	27	21	5
Cotton	1	1	11	55	32

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	85	75	72	67

Weather Summary

Temperatures continued to be mostly above average across the State for the week ending September 9, ranging from 2 degree below normal at Buckeye and Paloma to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 41 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Sixteen of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Buckeye and

Flagstaff received the least at 0.05 inches and Douglas/Bisbee received the most at 1.53 inches of precipitation. Nine of the 21 weather stations have less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only five (Coolidge, Maricopa, Roll, 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								
September 3, 2012 - September 9, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	82	3	100	67	0.11	3.64	-3.28	53
Buckeye	87	-2	102	75	0.05	3.12	-1.67	65
Canyon De Chelly	71	3	92	46	0.09	3.76	-2.64	59
Coolidge	83	0	102	69	0.20	5.36	0.28	106
Douglas	77	4	98	65	1.53	7.22	-2.37	75
Flagstaff	64	5	80	43	0.05	10.57	-4.98	68
Grand Canyon	63	9	83	41	0.11	7.15	-7.12	50
Kingman	82	6	97	66	0.00	6.36	-0.56	92
Maricopa	86	2	103	72	0.88	4.94	0.19	104
Paloma	87	-2	103	72	0.09	4.52	-0.10	98
Parker	88	2	105	73	0.00	1.85	-0.98	65
Payson	71	3	86	58	0.50	9.83	-5.12	66
Phoenix	91	4	107	79	0.51	3.28	-1.51	68
Prescott	74	8	88	59	0.30	8.60	-5.56	61
Roll	89	0	109	72	1.09	2.03	0.05	103
Safford	80	3	101	62	1.03	7.93	1.63	126
St. Johns	74	7	89	55	0.00	6.36	-1.70	79
Tucson	84	3	103	71	0.00	6.32	-1.81	78
Willcox	78	6	103	61	1.05	7.53	-1.45	84
Winslow	74	4	90	58	0.14	4.64	-0.66	88
Yuma	95	6	109	83	0.00	2.07	0.09	105
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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