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Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on over 90 percent of the cotton acreage, 4 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average and 4 points ahead of last year. Cotton harvesting continued along the Colorado River areas. Eighty-five 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.

Range and Pasture

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydew last week.

Range and pasture conditions have declined after one week of no precipitation. Rangeland is less productive due to warm, dry weather and shorter daylight periods. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	4	29	44	23
Range and Pasture	28	20	28	21	3
Cotton	1	4	10	52	33

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	90	86	86	86
• Harvested	15	10	10	15

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending September 23, ranging from 1 degree above normal at Canyon De Chelly to 8 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Coolidge and Roll. The lowest reading was 34 degrees at the

Grand Canyon. Precipitation was not received at any of the 21 weather stations. Ten of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only six (Coolidge, Maricopa, Paloma, Roll, Safford, and Yuma) have received above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 17, 2012 - September 23, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	81	3	101	62	0.00	3.82	-3.51	52
Buckeye	85	2	104	64	0.00	3.22	-1.99	62
Canyon De Chelly	65	1	88	42	0.00	3.81	-3.01	56
Coolidge	81	2	109	59	0.00	5.40	0.18	103
Douglas	74	3	93	55	0.00	7.28	-3.10	70
Flagstaff	59	4	79	38	0.00	10.76	-5.72	65
Grand Canyon	58	7	81	34	0.00	7.88	-7.04	53
Kingman	78	5	96	59	0.00	6.83	-0.44	94
Maricopa	85	4	104	65	0.00	5.33	0.30	106
Paloma	85	2	106	63	0.00	4.83	0.07	101
Parker	84	2	107	62	0.00	1.85	-1.12	62
Payson	69	5	93	47	0.00	9.93	-5.96	62
Phoenix	91	8	106	78	0.00	3.36	-1.85	64
Prescott	71	8	89	54	0.00	8.78	-6.26	58
Roll	87	3	109	66	0.00	2.29	0.17	108
Safford	75	2	98	52	0.00	7.99	1.07	115
St. Johns	66	3	87	44	0.00	6.53	-2.15	75
Tucson	84	5	100	65	0.00	6.70	-2.20	75
Willcox	72	3	98	47	0.00	8.29	-1.33	86
Winslow	69	3	91	48	0.00	4.71	-1.01	82
Yuma	92	7	108	78	0.00	2.38	0.26	112
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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