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Field Crops

Cotton bolls have opened on virtually all of the cotton acreage, 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Twenty-one percent of cotton has been harvested, equal to last year but 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvesting is almost complete in the Yuma area. Ninety-six percent of the cotton crop continues to be rated in fair 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 miscellaneous melons last week.

Range and Pasture

Low humidity and warm temperatures this past week resulted in a decline in available forage. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	26	46	25
Range and Pasture	29	19	28	21	3
Cotton	0	4	24	55	17

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	98	97	97	96
• Harvested	21	20	21	23

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending October 7, ranging from 2 degree below normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 28 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was not received at any of the 21 weather stations this week. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year. Only four (Maricopa, Roll, Safford, and Yuma) have received above normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 1, 2012 - October 7, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	76	3	101	54	0.00	3.82	-3.79	50
Buckeye	80	3	104	59	0.00	3.22	-2.32	58
Canyon De Chelly	60	3	83	37	0.00	3.81	-3.43	53
Coolidge	76	2	103	51	0.00	5.40	-0.04	99
Douglas	71	5	93	51	0.00	7.28	-3.74	66
Flagstaff	56	6	78	32	0.00	10.76	-6.52	62
Grand Canyon	55	8	82	28	0.00	7.88	-7.63	51
Kingman	75	8	95	56	0.00	6.83	-0.72	90
Maricopa	80	5	103	58	0.00	5.33	0.02	100
Paloma	79	3	103	58	0.00	4.83	-0.04	99
Parker	77	-2	101	55	0.00	1.85	-1.24	60
Payson	65	5	86	44	0.00	9.93	-6.80	59
Phoenix	87	9	104	72	0.00	3.36	-2.18	61
Prescott	68	10	88	48	0.00	8.78	-6.88	56
Roll	80	2	106	56	0.00	2.29	0.03	101
Safford	72	4	95	48	0.00	7.99	0.51	107
St. Johns	65	6	85	40	0.00	6.53	-2.71	71
Tucson	80	6	99	62	0.00	6.70	-2.83	70
Willcox	68	3	95	37	0.00	8.29	-1.89	81
Winslow	69	9	92	46	0.00	4.71	-1.43	77
Yuma	89	9	109	70	0.00	2.38	0.12	105

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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