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Field Crops

Cotton squaring was at 91 percent, behind last year at 92 percent, but ahead of the five-year average of 88 percent. Bolls setting was at 64 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average of 57 percent. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly excellent to fair, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa conditions are also rated in excellent to poor condition. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, seeded and seedless watermelons last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and melons.

Range and Pasture

Monsoon storms have provided needed moisture across the State, but not enough to impact overall drought conditions. Range and Pastures were rated in fair to mostly very poor condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	15	50	33
Range and Pasture	61	18	17	3	1
Cotton	0	0	10	47	43

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	91	88	92	88
• Setting Bolls	64	60	57	57

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending July 21, 2013, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Safford and Payson to 8 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 50 degrees at Flagstaff. Twenty-one

of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Phoenix received the least precipitation at 0.09 inches and Payson received the most at 3.46 inches. Eighteen of the 22 stations have received more than 50 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
July 15, 2013 - July 21, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	86	-1	105	72	0.86	2.64	-2.14	55
Buckeye	90	-2	108	73	0.40	3.24	0.01	100
Bullhead City	98	3	115	77	0.40	1.23	-2.04	38
Canyon De Chelly	75	-2	93	59	0.61	2.78	-1.41	66
Coolidge	87	0	105	73	0.29	3.81	0.22	106
Douglas	76	-3	95	64	1.49	8.37	3.69	179
Flagstaff	67	-1	82	50	1.13	9.82	-1.20	89
Grand Canyon	69	8	86	52	1.10	2.31	-8.51	21
Kingman	86	3	103	67	0.14	1.33	-3.24	29
Maricopa	89	1	109	76	0.27	2.32	-1.10	68
Paloma	90	0	109	71	1.04	2.77	-0.41	87
Parker	89	-1	109	74	0.39	1.57	-0.67	70
Payson	73	-4	92	60	3.46	10.89	1.05	111
Phoenix	95	2	110	74	0.09	2.70	-0.53	84
Prescott	76	3	91	61	0.29	2.96	-5.73	34
Roll	91	3	112	74	0.62	1.26	0.15	114
Safford	80	-4	100	66	0.36	2.42	-1.19	67
St. Johns	74	-1	91	59	0.82	3.04	-1.55	66
Tucson	87	1	104	74	1.51	3.46	-0.99	78
Willcox	78	-2	99	64	1.08	4.74	0.06	101
Winslow	79	0	99	62	0.76	2.94	-0.18	94
Yuma	95	2	113	76	0.00	1.11	0.00	100

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

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