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Field Crops

Cotton setting bolls were at 99 percent, behind last year, but remain the same as the five-year average. Bolls opening were at 53 percent, behind last year and the five-year average of 74 and 58 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest has begun, with 1 percent of the crop harvested. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa conditions are rated in mostly good to excellent condition. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers had no movement last week.

Range and Pasture

Monsoon rains have brought in needed moisture to some locations across the State, but not enough to ease the overall drought conditions. Range and Pastures were rated in mostly very poor to fair condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	21	53	24
Range and Pasture	41	11	20	25	3
Cotton	0	1	14	51	34

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Setting Bolls	99	98	100	99
• Bolls Opening	53	41	74	58
• Harvested	1	0	3	4

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending September 1, 2013, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Bullhead City and Buckeye to 7 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 108 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 48 degrees at

Flagstaff. All twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Safford received the least precipitation at 0.02 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 3.61 inches. Fourteen of the 22 stations have received more than 70 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
August 26, 2013 - September 1, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	83	4	99	67	1.41	6.05	-0.55	92
Buckeye	87	-3	106	72	0.86	4.76	0.24	105
Bullhead City	90	-3	108	70	0.74	2.73	-1.39	66
Canyon De Chelly	73	2	89	57	1.24	5.08	-1.02	83
Coolidge	86	2	105	70	0.16	4.55	-0.38	92
Douglas	77	3	93	61	0.60	13.88	4.89	154
Flagstaff	62	1	78	48	3.61	17.81	2.92	120
Grand Canyon	64	7	81	50	2.48	7.89	-5.92	57
Kingman	77	-2	94	65	1.49	4.67	-1.93	71
Maricopa	88	2	106	74	0.21	2.66	-1.90	58
Paloma	88	-2	105	72	0.41	3.37	-1.09	76
Parker	88	0	107	72	0.10	1.81	-0.93	66
Payson	73	3	90	59	2.50	16.69	2.48	117
Phoenix	91	3	107	77	0.35	4.74	0.22	105
Prescott	71	4	88	58	1.91	8.21	-5.22	61
Roll	89	-2	107	75	0.07	1.52	-0.38	80
Safford	81	3	96	67	0.02	3.95	-1.90	68
St. Johns	72	3	88	56	0.14	5.03	-2.53	67
Tucson	85	2	103	69	0.22	4.02	-3.57	53
Willcox	76	2	95	58	1.39	8.92	0.46	105
Winslow	74	2	89	60	1.04	5.71	0.68	114
Yuma	90	-2	107	75	0.20	1.35	-0.55	71

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

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