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Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening were at 90 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average of 86 and 79 percent, respectively. Cotton harvest is at 4 percent, behind last year and the five-year average of 10 and 12 percent. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa conditions are rated in fair 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

Recent rains brought green forage growth in some areas 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	51	26
Range and Pasture	51	16	11	16	6
Cotton	0	1	6	38	55

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	90	82	86	79
• Harvested	4	2	10	12

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending September 15, 2013, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Buckeye to 5 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 110 degrees recorded in Parker. The lowest reading was 40 degrees at Flagstaff. All of the twenty-two

weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Parker received the least precipitation at 0.04 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 2.62 inches. Eighteen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
September 9, 2013 - September 15, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	77	-4	97	61	0.45	6.83	-0.23	97
Buckeye	82	-6	103	67	0.46	5.22	0.28	106
Bullhead City	84	-5	107	65	0.54	3.32	-1.07	76
Canyon De Chelly	66	-1	83	51	1.41	6.56	0.02	100
Coolidge	82	-1	104	63	0.16	4.87	-0.25	95
Douglas	74	0	90	59	1.75	16.05	6.15	162
Flagstaff	57	-2	75	40	2.62	20.83	4.93	131
Grand Canyon	58	5	75	42	1.81	10.12	-4.40	70
Kingman	72	-4	90	58	0.78	5.84	-1.22	83
Maricopa	82	-2	104	66	0.90	3.97	-0.88	82
Paloma	84	-3	106	66	0.24	3.61	-1.07	77
Parker	83	-3	110	65	0.04	2.01	-0.87	70
Payson	68	0	84	51	2.22	19.26	3.96	126
Phoenix	86	-1	105	74	0.86	5.60	0.66	113
Prescott	65	-1	83	52	2.13	10.48	-4.03	72
Roll	86	-3	108	68	0.45	2.28	0.24	112
Safford	75	-2	93	59	1.66	6.35	-0.20	97
St. Johns	66	-1	79	51	1.46	6.68	-1.62	80
Tucson	82	0	99	67	0.57	4.65	-3.78	55
Willcox	72	0	92	50	0.81	10.31	1.08	112
Winslow	68	-3	84	52	0.79	6.64	1.19	122
Yuma	90	3	108	73	0.48	1.86	-0.18	91

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

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