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## Field Crops

Cotton bolls opening were at 100 percent, ahead of last year and the five-year average, each at 99 percent. Cotton harvest was 26 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year and 4 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location. Arizona's alfalfa condition was 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 had no movement last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews last week.

## Range and Pasture

Temperatures were low across the State, with some northern areas recording freezing temperatures. Range and Pastures were rated in mostly very poor to good condition, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	6	4	21	48	21
Range and Pasture	36	17	17	26	4
Cotton	0	1	20	62	17

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	100	N/A	99	99
• Harvested	26	N/A	25	30

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending October 20, 2013, ranging from 9 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly, Kingman and Parker to 2 degrees below normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was

93 degrees recorded at Yuma. The lowest reading was 19 degrees at the Grand Canyon. None of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Thirteen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 14, 2013 - October 20, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	62	-7	85	41	0.00	7.01	-0.83	89
Buckeye	66	-6	87	46	0.00	5.34	-0.44	92
Bullhead City	68	-7	89	43	0.00	3.38	-1.36	71
Canyon De Chelly	46	-9	80	22	0.00	7.01	-0.67	91
Coolidge	62	-8	87	36	0.00	4.92	-0.77	86
Douglas	60	-4	84	32	0.00	16.05	4.58	140
Flagstaff	42	-6	64	20	0.00	21.24	3.36	119
Grand Canyon	40	-4	65	19	0.00	10.63	-5.48	66
Kingman	55	-9	78	33	0.00	5.96	-1.82	77
Maricopa	64	-8	87	42	0.00	3.97	-1.55	72
Paloma	67	-5	91	43	0.00	3.63	-1.28	74
Parker	64	-9	90	39	0.00	2.01	-1.12	64
Payson	51	-7	72	30	0.00	19.46	2.09	112
Phoenix	72	-3	88	58	0.00	5.60	-0.18	97
Prescott	51	-4	74	32	0.00	10.71	-5.34	67
Roll	66	-7	89	43	0.00	2.28	-0.11	95
Safford	61	-4	90	36	0.00	5.48	-2.40	70
St. Johns	48	-7	77	23	0.00	6.80	-2.82	71
Tucson	67	-4	89	48	0.00	4.65	-5.30	47
Willcox	59	-2	85	32	0.00	10.56	-0.10	99
Winslow	50	-6	75	27	0.00	6.89	0.39	106
Yuma	74	-3	93	54	0.00	1.86	-0.53	78

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

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