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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. Almost half of the cotton crop was defoliated with nearly a quarter of the crop harvested by the end of last week. Ninety-seven percent of the cotton crop was rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions were fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State. This week there were 6.8 days suitable for field work.

Range and Pasture

Storms last week added to what was already a record year for rain. Water tables in some areas are filling and storage tanks are mostly full. Range and pasture conditions ranged from very poor to excellent, depending on location.

Moisture Conditions

	Subsoil Moisture	Topsoil Moisture
	- Percent -	
Very Short	8	1
Short	33	35
Adequate	57	62
Surplus	2	2

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and honeydews last week.

Western Arizona growers had no movement this last week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	6	6	22	39	27
Cotton	0	3	14	47	37
Range and Pasture	12	15	30	38	5

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton, Bolls Opening	100	90	NA	98
Cotton, Defoliated	46	35	NA	33
Cotton, Harvested	24	15	NA	23

NA – Not Available

Due to a lapse in federal funding in October 2013, the Crop Progress reports for the weeks ending October 6, 2013 and October 13, 2013 were canceled. Therefore, previous year estimates for the corresponding weeks will not be available. Five-year average estimates will reflect the years 2009-2013 using published estimates for 2009-2012 and imputed estimates for 2013.

Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 6, 2014 - October 12, 2014								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	72	3	91	54	0.05	6.51	-0.17	97
Ajo	77	-1	96	62	1.35	8.18	2.20	137
Anvil Ranch	67	-4	88	36	0.94	9.60	-0.67	93
Betatakin	58	5	74	43	0.05	4.62	-5.12	47
Bisbee	64	2	79	49	1.98	19.01	2.37	114
Buckeye	76	2	95	60	0.00	10.04	4.07	168
Bullhead City	77	-2	97	57	0.04	4.63	-0.03	99
Canyon De Chelly	59	2	80	37	0.07	5.70	-1.67	77
Coolidge	73	-1	92	58	0.71	4.61	-2.58	64
Douglas	68	2	87	48	1.36	14.33	3.08	127
Flagstaff	55	6	75	32	0.68	16.36	-1.72	90
Fort Grant	66	2	85	48	0.85	14.56	4.18	140
Grand Canyon	54	4	75	31	0.00	7.59	-5.66	57
Heber	60	8	76	43	0.60	13.05	-2.15	86
Kingman	68	2	88	51	0.76	8.71	0.81	110
Maricopa	74	1	92	57	0.36	7.03	1.04	117
Nogales	71	6	88	55	1.34	17.17	2.12	114
Page	70	9	84	55	0.00	3.38	-1.69	67
Paloma	76	-3	94	61	0.35	2.84	-2.39	54
Paradise	62	-2	79	44	1.17	25.47	8.86	153
Parker	74	-4	97	50	0.14	2.76	-0.15	95
Payson	62	3	79	43	1.37	12.75	-4.70	73
Phoenix	80	3	96	69	0.05	7.37	1.20	119
Pipe Springs	61	3	82	43	0.00	7.62	-1.44	84
Prescott	64	5	82	44	0.14	10.13	-1.53	87
Robson Ranch	74	-2	90	60	1.47	7.96	0.09	101
Roll	78	2	97	61	0.04	2.13	-1.29	62
Roosevelt	73	0	91	61	1.25	12.58	0.33	103
Safford	68	0	88	52	1.17	9.19	1.49	119
St. Johns	61	4	78	39	0.40	6.76	-2.66	72
San Carlos	70	-2	92	56	0.83	9.72	-1.95	83
Seligman	62	5	83	40	0.16	8.48	-2.10	80
Springerville	55	4	77	30	0.40	10.21	-0.13	99
Tec_Nos_Pos	59	1	79	40	0.16	6.52	0.41	107
Tucson	75	3	94	61	1.03	7.70	-2.06	79
Willcox	66	3	88	47	0.94	12.30	1.79	117
Window Rock	56	5	76	33	0.04	5.27	-3.45	60
Winslow	64	6	81	42	0.30	5.88	-0.52	92
Yuma	83	4	99	69	0.05	2.79	0.22	109

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

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