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Field Crops

Ninety-five percent of the cotton acreage has open bolls, one percentage point ahead of the five year average. Cotton harvesting is 20 percent complete across the State. Cotton condition in the State varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over three-quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions vary from fair to excellent. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupe, honeydews, and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	14	40	34	12
Cotton	0	2	23	56	19
Range and Pasture	3	22	33	28	14

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Bolls Opening	95	90	94	94
• Harvested	20	17	14	13

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending September 28, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Aguila to 8 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading of 30 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at 7 of the 22 stations. Grand Canyon received the most at 0.36 inches of precipitation and St. Johns received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 September 22 - September 28, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	80	3	100	57	0.00	6.10	-1.33	82
Buckeye	87	6	105	68	0.00	4.06	-1.27	76
Canyon De Chelly	65	4	86	40	0.02	7.23	0.26	104
Coolidge	82	5	103	60	0.00	4.38	-0.89	83
Douglas	75	6	93	57	0.00	9.00	-1.63	85
Flagstaff	58	5	78	37	0.00	13.33	-3.45	79
Grand Canyon	57	7	81	30	0.36	10.00	-5.12	66
Kingman	76	6	94	55	0.04	4.67	-2.70	63
Marana	85	7	103	66	0.00	5.41	-2.60	68
Maricopa	85	6	104	65	0.00	5.71	0.58	111
Paloma	85	4	106	63	0.00	4.16	-0.63	87
Parker	84	4	108	57	0.00	2.47	-0.54	82
Payson	69	6	88	50	0.05	14.29	-1.90	88
Phoenix	90	8	106	76	0.00	7.97	2.64	150
Prescott	68	7	88	49	0.10	9.73	-5.56	64
Roll	86	4	109	60	0.00	2.00	-0.17	92
Safford	77	5	94	56	0.00	7.64	0.52	107
St. Johns	67	5	85	41	0.01	5.92	-2.96	67
Tucson	83	6	100	67	0.00	7.35	-1.80	80
Willcox	74	7	96	52	0.03	8.47	-1.35	86
Winslow	70	6	90	48	0.00	3.62	-2.25	62
Yuma	91	8	108	76	0.00	2.00	-0.17	92

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

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