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A week ago the Monsoons hit full force, 3" of rain in 2 1/2 hrs with grape sized hail... twice!! Poor squash garden was shredded, fruit trees are in good shape & some of the squash has flowers again...I'm always amazed at the resiliency of my high desert garden. Just before the rain poured down on us, the outside thermometer was reading 112 degrees & yes we checked to be sure it was functioning properly. That was the first time in the last 7 years of living in this area, the temperature was that high, not what I'd come to expect of an elevation of 4200 ft. I thought we'd left that kind of heat behind in Phoenix! At least we can water the vegies from the rain water cisterns for a couple of weeks till the heat starts dropping to more normal for this time of year.

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