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Summer Ag Institute was a journey
With stops on the way
The interests grew numerous
In each and every day

Water from the sky, river, drip, pivot, and well
The pump, tube, laser
And more than I can tell

The insect began to make the scene
Some were beneficial
And others were mean
Egg, nymph, and various other stages of life
When the counts get too high
Spraying relieves the strife

Scientists with microscopes
Trying to figure out what to do
Using previous knowledge
To help solve the new

With 8,000 visitors to the MAC this year
Student knowledge increases
By what they see, do, and hear

Cattle, swine, chicken, or sheep
By utilizing proper management
Problems are prevented
From getting too deep

Thoroughbred horses train and train and train
When they cross the finish line
None of the hard work was in vain

Nurseries have trees, flowers, and shrubs
Any plant you want to buy
For the young... the old
Any green thumb can try

Grapes, wine, and living soil
So dear
The Arizona Cowbells
Added to a wonderful atmosphere

Roses are red
Violets are blue
We were hosted by wonderful families
It was such a pleasure
Being with you

Pecans need wind, water, shaking, and shelling
Then there's vertical integration
Which in the end is selling

The V bar V has exotic beef
And studies Range Management too
If you're not into the natural
Then A.I. might be for you

Andy Grossetta has a mind
That moves at the speed of light
And he isn't timid about explaining
What is wrong and right

FFA leaders taught us some thrills
They talked about goals
And other life skills

Bins of watermelons
Stacked up to the sky
It's something we look forward to
When the temperature gets high

Round and round and round they go
Milking cows on a carousel
Puts on quite a show

And now we enter into the final hour
With green and yellow tractors
And a lot of horsepower

Well, we started out little
But it didn't remain small
However, when you look at Arizona agriculture
We have a reason to stand tall!

- *Jerry Freed*
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