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### Field Crops Report

As of January 11, **cotton** harvest was complete.

**Alfalfa** harvest progress was reported as 81 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 6 percent moderate and 10 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 23 percent good and 66 percent excellent.

### Herbs, Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, boston lettuce, broccoflower, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, green onions, head lettuce, kale, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, radishes, rapini, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons, minneolas, navels and tangerines in central and western Arizona last week.

### Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 31 percent very poor, 23 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 15 percent good and 15 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

During December, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in mostly fair condition. Overall, conditions remained about the same as last month. Arizona livestock were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture throughout the state was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Northern grazing conditions varied widely from very poor to good. Ranchers reported cattle on winter range, but as always, more moisture is needed. High-level elevations were reported in very poor to good condition. Mid-level elevations were reported in poor to good condition, while low-level elevations varied from very poor to good. Livestock were reported to be in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as mostly fair, declining slightly from last month. Ranchers have reported a small amount of moisture and cooler weather. Also, some supplemental feeding of cattle is taking place. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair at high, mid, and low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair. Stock water supplies were reported as short, and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Southern pastures were reported in poor to fair condition, improving slightly from last month. Lack of rains have left ranges short and dry. Cattle are in good condition, but calves are small. Conditions were very poor to fair at high level elevations, poor to fair at mid level elevations, and mostly poor at low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was minimal.

### Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were well below normal for the week ending January 10. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow, to 3 degrees above normal at Douglas and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 82 degrees at Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 3 degrees below at Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the reporting stations.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 4 TO JANUARY 10, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	31	-4	46	10	0.00	0.20	0.20
Casa Grande	51	0	79	24	0.00	0.02	0.30
Coolidge	51	0	79	24	0.00	0.00	0.30
Douglas	45	3	69	25	0.00	0.00	0.30
Flagstaff	29	-3	47	-3	0.00	0.19	0.70
Gila Bend	54	1	82	24	0.00	0.00	0.20
Grand Canyon	30	-1	50	-3	0.00	0.50	0.53
Kingman	42	-1	63	22	0.00	0.13	0.40
Parker	53	-1	76	33	0.00	0.00	0.29
Payson	39	2	65	19	0.00	0.40	0.70
Phoenix	55	1	79	36	0.00	0.00	0.30
Prescott Airport	37	1	61	20	0.00	0.36	0.30
Safford Ag Center	44	2	70	18	0.00	0.00	0.30
Tucson	52	2	77	29	0.00	0.00	0.36
Willcox	43	3	66	20	0.00	0.00	0.40
Winslow	33	-4	51	8	0.00	0.03	0.20
Yuma	56	1	75	41	0.00	0.00	0.17

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

2/ Daily precipitation totals 5 a.m. to 5 a.m. instead of midnight to midnight. Periods of record used in computing "average to date" for precipitation and "departure" for average temperatures may be obtained from National Weather Service, Phoenix.

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