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Field Crops

For the week ending December 19, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 89 percent of the acreage, behind last year's average of 93 percent, and behind the five year average of 96 percent. Wet conditions in early December have slowed cotton harvest throughout Arizona.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on just over a fourth of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 20 percent excellent.

Central Arizona growers continue to plant potatoes and onions.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, cantaloupes, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, iceberg, leaf and romaine lettuces.

Producers in central Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons, navel oranges and tangerines last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped grapefruit, lemons and navel oranges last week.

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
	-Percent-			
Cotton Harvest	89	80	93	96

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	-Percent-				
Alfalfa	0	5	29	46	20

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending December 18. Temperatures ranged from normal at Willcox and Winslow to 7 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 79 degrees at Tucson while the lowest reading was Flagstaff at 16 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 16 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received the lowest amount of precipitation at 0.04 inches and Safford received the highest amount of precipitation at 0.06 inches.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 December 12 - 18, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	32	1	54	19	0.04	7.77	9.27
Coolidge	51	6	78	37	0.00	8.41	9.11
Douglas	46	2	74	22	0.00	9.67	13.30
Flagstaff	30	6	56	16	0.00	19.34	22.09
Gila Bend	55	3	76	34	0.00	6.25	6.63
Grand Canyon	32	5	62	17	0.00	19.49	15.96
Kingman	44	3	68	30	0.00	9.59	9.59
Parker	54	6	76	43	0.00	6.85	4.91
Payson	40	5	69	25	0.00	22.03	21.26
Phoenix	55	6	77	42	0.00	7.12	7.90
Prescott Airport	38	5	65	22	0.00	9.35	13.64
Safford Ag Center	45	1	69	25	0.06	11.38	9.40
Tucson	52	5	79	37	0.00	7.47	11.65
Willcox	44	0	66	24	0.00	11.31	12.80
Winslow	34	0	48	21	0.00	8.02	7.77
Yuma	57	7	76	50	0.00	3.26	2.77

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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