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Field Crops

For the week ending December 26, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 95 percent of the acreage, behind last year's average of 96 percent, and behind the five year average of 98 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 6 percent poor, 25 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 26 percent excellent.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, Chinese cabbage, greens, green onions, head lettuce, herbs, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, 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
Cotton	-Percent-			
Harvest	95	89	96	98

Crop Condition					
	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-Percent-				
	0	6	25	43	26

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly below normal for the week ending December 25. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Parker to 4 degrees below normal at Safford and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Phoenix and the lowest

reading was in Flagstaff at 6 degrees. Precipitation was reported at only 1 of the 16 reporting stations. Canyon De Chelly received 0.12 inches of precipitation.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 December 19 - 25, 2004**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	31	0	57	7	0.12	7.89	9.41
Coolidge	51	-1	75	27	0.00	8.41	9.39
Douglas	45	-3	65	15	0.00	9.67	13.58
Flagstaff	29	0	57	6	0.00	19.34	22.50
Gila Bend	54	-3	74	29	0.00	6.25	6.84
Grand Canyon	31	0	55	7	0.00	19.49	16.21
Kingman	43	-3	64	22	0.00	9.59	9.80
Parker	53	1	74	36	0.00	6.85	5.05
Payson	39	-1	62	18	0.00	22.03	21.68
Phoenix	55	-1	77	35	0.00	7.12	8.11
Prescott Airport	37	-1	60	14	0.00	9.35	13.85
Safford Ag Center	44	-4	63	18	0.00	11.38	9.61
Tucson	52	-2	72	27	0.00	7.47	11.93
Willcox	43	-4	65	23	0.00	11.31	13.11
Winslow	33	-1	59	9	0.00	8.02	7.91
Yuma	55	0	75	40	0.00	3.26	2.89

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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