



ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

For Week Ending January 2, 2005

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Field Crops

For the week ending January 2, the harvest of **Cotton** is complete on 97 percent of the acreage, behind last year's average and the five year average of 99 percent. Wet conditions have delayed final cotton harvest progress.

Alfalfa harvest remained active on less than a fourth of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 9 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 46 percent good, and 24 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, parsley, romaine lettuce, leaf lettuce, spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, greens, green onions, herbs, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, parsley and spinach. 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.

| | Crop Progress | | | |
|----------------|---------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5-Year Avg |
| Cotton Harvest | 97 | 95 | 99 | 99 |

| | Crop Condition | | | | |
|---------|----------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
| Alfalfa | 0 | 9 | 21 | 46 | 24 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending January 1. Temperatures ranged from normal at Coolidge to 10 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 75 degrees at Casa Grande and the lowest reading was in

Canyon de Chelly at 12 degrees. Precipitation was reported at all of the 17 reporting stations. Douglas received 0.04 inches and Flagstaff received 3.88 inches of precipitation.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 December 26 - January 1, 2005**

| Station | Temperatures | | | | Precipitation 2/ | | |
|-------------------|--------------|---------|------|-----|------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Normal to Date |
| Canyon De Chelly | 30 | 9 | 56 | 12 | 0.50 | 8.39 | 9.53 |
| Casa Grande | 51 | 3 | 75 | 29 | 0.40 | 7.46 | 9.22 |
| Coolidge | 50 | 0 | 73 | 26 | 0.47 | 8.88 | 9.61 |
| Douglas | 45 | 5 | 68 | 20 | 0.04 | 9.71 | 13.76 |
| Flagstaff | 29 | 6 | 50 | 19 | 3.88 | 23.22 | 22.91 |
| Gila Bend | 54 | 1 | 70 | 34 | 0.26 | 6.51 | 7.01 |
| Grand Canyon | 30 | 4 | 48 | 21 | 2.24 | 21.73 | 16.50 |
| Kingman | 42 | 3 | 59 | 29 | 0.38 | 9.97 | 10.00 |
| Parker | 53 | 4 | 67 | 44 | 0.40 | 7.25 | 5.17 |
| Payson | 38 | 4 | 58 | 24 | 3.06 | 25.09 | 22.07 |
| Phoenix | 55 | 2 | 69 | 40 | 0.84 | 7.96 | 8.29 |
| Prescott Airport | 36 | 6 | 59 | 23 | 1.41 | 10.76 | 14.03 |
| Safford Ag Center | 44 | 5 | 68 | 20 | 0.21 | 11.59 | 9.79 |
| Tucson | 51 | 4 | 68 | 33 | 0.08 | 7.55 | 12.17 |
| Willcox | 43 | 6 | 66 | 31 | 0.09 | 11.40 | 13.35 |
| Winslow | 33 | 10 | 60 | 20 | 0.55 | 8.57 | 8.03 |
| Yuma | 56 | 2 | 67 | 43 | 0.08 | 3.34 | 3.01 |

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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