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Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			-Percent-		
Alfalfa	0	3	27	55	15
Cotton	0	4	48	37	11

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5-Year Avg
			-Percent-	
Cotton – Harvest	87	83	80	90

Field Crop

For the week ending December 11, cotton harvest is complete on 87 percent of the acreage compared to 80 percent last year and the five year average of 90 percent. Cotton condition is mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on more than half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly good. Small grain planting is well under way.

Vegetables, Fruit and Other Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, greens, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, and spinach. Citrus produce was also shipped.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cauliflower, cantaloupes, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, green onions, greens, honeydews, iceberg lettuce, romaine lettuce, other lettuce, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and other vegetables. Citrus shipments included grapefruit, lemons, Navel oranges, and tangerines.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending December 10. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree below normal at Yuma to 11 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 74 degrees at Coolidge, and the lowest temperature occurred in Canyon De Chelly at 1 degree below zero. Precipitation was not reported at any of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation is above normal to date at 8 of the 17 reporting stations.

Range and Pasture Conditions

During November, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were very dry due to lack of rain or snow. Grazing conditions were mostly fair to good throughout the State. Mid to high elevation pastures were mostly fair to good, but low elevation pastures were mostly poor to fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Soil moisture was short and stock water supplies were short to adequate. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, overall grazing conditions were mostly good. Conditions were good at high elevations. Mid elevation conditions ranged from fair to good. Low elevation conditions ranged from poor to good. Cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Stock water was mostly short to adequate and soil moisture was short throughout the entire region. Insect damage was light to moderate.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture conditions were mostly fair. Conditions at high elevations varied from poor to good. Mid elevation conditions were fair. Low elevation conditions were mostly fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate and soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was mostly moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pastures were in mostly fair to good condition. However, there was quite a bit in very poor condition. Conditions were mostly very poor at low elevations. Mid elevation condition was fair to good. Higher elevation range and pasture conditions were good. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair to good condition. Stock water was short to adequate, but soil moisture supplies were mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light to moderate.

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**Temperatures and Precipitation Data
 December 4 – December 10, 2005**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	34	-11	46	-1	0.00	9.26	9.09
Casa Grande	53	-4	73	23	0.00	7.41	8.56
Coolidge	53	-6	74	24	0.00	8.97	8.79
Douglas	47	-5	65	15	0.00	11.66	13.00
Flagstaff	31	-4	55	4	0.00	24.10	21.68
Gila Bend	56	-6	72	25	0.00	4.38	6.39
Grand Canyon	33	-6	44	9	0.00	15.31	15.72
Kingman	44	-6	59	20	0.00	11.11	9.39
Parker	55	-4	68	31	0.00	6.71	4.75
Payson	41	-4	63	17	0.00	22.89	20.82
Phoenix	56	-2	72	37	0.00	7.00	7.66
Prescott Airport	39	-5	58	16	0.00	16.29	13.45
Safford Ag Center	46	-6	69	17	0.00	8.09	9.16
Tucson	53	-3	73	30	0.00	9.11	11.35
Willcox	45	-6	62	12	0.00	8.57	12.42
Winslow	36	-11	49	3	0.00	6.09	7.61
Yuma	58	-1	70	41	0.00	5.99	2.69

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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