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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest is active on over half of the State's acreage. **Alfalfa** condition remains mostly good. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as follows: very poor 0, poor 8, fair 25, good 47, and excellent 20. Small grain planting continues throughout Arizona, with planting half completed.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

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

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were mostly above normal for the week ending January 15. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Paloma to 8 degrees above normal at St. Johns, Tucson, and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Marana. The lowest reading occurred at Grand Canyon at 3 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. Only two of the 22 reporting stations have recorded precipitation this year.

Range and Pasture

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

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

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

In the South, rangeland and pastures varied from very poor to good condition. Conditions were mostly fair to good at high elevations. Mid elevation condition was mostly poor to fair. Lower elevation range and pasture conditions were very poor to fair. 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

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 January 9 - January 15, 2006**

| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal |
| Aguila | 52 | 4 | 75 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.52 |
| Buckeye | 52 | -1 | 75 | 30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.35 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 33 | 5 | 60 | 7 | 0.00 | 0.04 | -0.36 |
| Coolidge | 52 | 3 | 79 | 27 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.41 |
| Douglas | 49 | 5 | 73 | 19 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.41 |
| Flagstaff | 34 | 6 | 53 | 4 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.03 |
| Grand Canyon | 32 | 6 | 55 | 3 | 0.00 | 0.01 | -1.19 |
| Kingman | 45 | 4 | 67 | 20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.45 |
| Marana | 56 | 5 | 81 | 33 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.51 |
| Maricopa | 52 | 3 | 76 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.30 |
| Paloma | 51 | -3 | 75 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.30 |
| Parker | 53 | 2 | 74 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.35 |
| Payson | 43 | 6 | 65 | 22 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -1.05 |
| Phoenix | 60 | 7 | 78 | 43 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.35 |
| Prescott | 42 | 7 | 64 | 17 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.73 |
| Roll | 54 | -1 | 77 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.19 |
| Safford | 46 | 4 | 72 | 20 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.36 |
| St. Johns | 40 | 8 | 70 | 7 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.35 |
| Tucson | 58 | 8 | 78 | 37 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.45 |
| Willcox | 50 | 8 | 70 | 23 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.49 |
| Winslow | 36 | 6 | 66 | 5 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.25 |
| Yuma | 56 | 0 | 74 | 36 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.15 |

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

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