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Field Crops

For the week ending December 3, cotton harvesting is complete on 81 percent of the acreage compared to 82 percent last year and the five year average of 83 percent. Cotton condition remains mostly fair to good.

Alfalfa harvest was active on over a quarter of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, greens, honeydew, and lemons.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupe, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, and various citrus last week. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	6	61	19	13
Cotton	0	4	40	45	11
Range and Pasture	9	14	36	31	10

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Harvested	81	72	82	83

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending December 3. Temperatures ranged from 11 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 3 degrees below normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 75 degrees at Roll, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 8 degrees below zero. Precipitation was reported at 8 of

the 22 reporting stations. Payson and Winslow received the most precipitation at 0.15 inches, and Douglas and Willcox received the least at 0.02 inches. There are 2 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date. Currently, Yuma and Buckeye at 38 and Winslow at 37 percent of normal precipitation are the lowest for the reporting stations.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 November 27 - December 3, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-7	65	24	0.00	5.83	-2.67	69
Buckeye	49	-6	69	28	0.00	2.54	-4.21	38
Canyon De Chelly	26	-11	53	-1	0.05	8.79	-0.19	98
Coolidge	48	-5	68	20	0.00	5.18	-1.37	79
Douglas	45	-4	69	15	0.02	10.52	-1.95	84
Flagstaff	27	-6	52	10	0.07	14.90	-5.72	72
Grand Canyon	25	-5	50	-8	0.04	10.87	-7.60	59
Kingman	40	-7	60	16	0.00	5.25	-3.68	59
Marana	49	-5	70	28	0.00	11.00	1.68	118
Maricopa	48	-5	69	23	0.00	4.03	-2.16	65
Paloma	48	-7	71	23	0.00	3.18	-2.07	61
Parker	50	-5	69	27	0.00	2.56	-0.64	80
Payson	37	-6	55	18	0.15	12.52	-7.45	63
Phoenix	54	-3	72	36	0.00	5.15	-1.60	76
Prescott	36	-4	59	9	0.00	8.18	-10.00	45
Roll	51	-5	75	26	0.00	1.60	-1.15	58
Safford	43	-5	72	16	0.00	8.69	-0.12	99
St. Johns	33	-6	63	4	0.11	7.45	-3.23	70
Tucson	50	-5	73	27	0.00	11.21	0.19	102
Willcox	42	-4	68	18	0.02	9.23	-2.48	79
Winslow	34	-4	61	4	0.15	2.78	-4.66	37
Yuma	52	-6	70	34	0.00	1.05	-1.73	38

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

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