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Field Crops

For the week ending December 17, cotton harvesting is complete on 94 percent of the acreage compared to 90 percent last year and the five year average of 92 percent.

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. Small grain planting is underway in Arizona.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, mache, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard, 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	4	61	22	12
Range and Pasture	10	17	35	32	6

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Harvested	94	89	90	92

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above normal for the week ending December 17. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees above normal at St. Johns to 1 degree above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 1 degree. Precipitation was reported at 3 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff

received the most precipitation at 0.21 inches, and Aguila received the least at 0.02 inches. Marana is only 1 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date. Currently, Yuma and Buckeye at 35 percent of normal precipitation are the lowest for the reporting stations.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 December 11 - December 17, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	51	4	74	28	0.02	5.85	-2.93	67
Buckeye	53	2	73	32	0.00	2.54	-4.68	35
Canyon De Chelly	39	8	59	18	0.00	8.79	-0.56	94
Coolidge	51	2	78	27	0.00	5.18	-1.75	75
Douglas	48	3	71	18	0.00	10.52	-2.41	81
Flagstaff	35	6	57	10	0.21	15.11	-6.63	70
Grand Canyon	33	6	60	1	0.04	10.91	-8.40	56
Kingman	47	4	70	26	0.00	5.25	-4.10	56
Marana	55	5	80	33	0.00	11.00	1.17	112
Maricopa	52	3	77	29	0.00	4.03	-2.44	62
Paloma	53	3	77	30	0.00	3.18	-2.35	58
Parker	54	4	76	34	0.00	2.56	-0.78	77
Payson	42	3	64	19	0.00	12.52	-8.48	60
Phoenix	58	5	73	41	0.00	5.15	-2.07	71
Prescott	44	8	66	25	0.00	8.18	-10.75	43
Roll	54	4	76	32	0.00	1.60	-1.33	55
Safford	47	3	72	23	0.00	8.69	-0.55	94
St. Johns	42	9	68	19	0.00	7.45	-3.57	68
Tucson	55	4	77	32	0.00	11.21	-0.28	98
Willcox	45	2	71	18	0.00	9.23	-3.06	75
Winslow	40	8	65	14	0.00	2.78	-4.98	36
Yuma	55	1	75	37	0.00	1.05	-1.93	35

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

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