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Field Crops

For the week ending December 24, cotton harvesting is complete on 97 percent of the acreage compared to 95 percent last year and the five year average of 96 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 continues 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	0	4	61	22	13
Range and Pasture	10	18	34	32	6

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 - Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton – Harvested	97	94	95	96

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were below normal for the week ending December 24. Temperatures ranged from normal at Winslow to 8 degrees below normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 70 degrees at Parker, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 1 degree below zero. Precipitation was reported at 16 of the 22 reporting

stations. Flagstaff and Phoenix received the most precipitation at 0.26 inches, and Buckeye and Douglas received the least at 0.01 inches. Marana remains only 1 of 22 reporting stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date. Currently, Yuma and Buckeye at 34 percent of normal precipitation are the lowest for the reporting stations.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 December 18 - December 24, 2006**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila_UA	43	-5	68	21	0.04	5.89	-3.10	66
Buckeye_UA	44	-8	67	24	0.01	2.55	-4.90	34
Canyon_De_Chell	30	-1	50	15	0.19	8.98	-0.51	95
Coolidge_UA	43	-7	63	23	0.12	5.30	-1.84	74
Douglas_Bisbee	41	-5	65	14	0.01	10.53	-2.68	80
Flagstaff_AP	24	-6	49	3	0.26	15.37	-6.93	69
Grand_Canyon_Pa	21	-6	48	-1	0.10	11.01	-8.76	56
Kingman_AP	35	-8	52	17	0.03	5.28	-4.30	55
Marana_UA	44	-6	62	27	0.04	11.04	0.93	109
Maricopa_UA	43	-6	64	24	0.02	4.05	-2.61	61
Paloma_UA	44	-8	66	23	0.00	3.18	-2.53	56
Parker_UA	47	-4	70	26	0.00	2.56	-0.85	75
Payson	34	-6	54	15	0.23	12.75	-8.78	59
Phoenix_Sky_AP	48	-6	61	35	0.26	5.41	-2.04	73
Prescott_AP	32	-5	51	14	0.06	8.24	-11.04	43
Roll_UA	47	-5	69	24	0.00	1.60	-1.47	52
Safford_Ag_Cent	41	-2	66	20	0.00	8.69	-0.78	92
Saint_Johns_AP	35	3	55	14	0.05	7.50	-3.73	67
Tucson_Int_AP	44	-8	63	27	0.08	11.29	-0.48	96
Willcox_Coop	38	-5	62	15	0.00	9.23	-3.40	73
Winslow	32	0	50	13	0.06	2.84	-5.06	36
Yuma_Mesa_UA	48	-7	68	28	0.00	1.05	-2.07	34

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

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