



# ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY

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## TEMPERATURES THROUGHOUT STATE ABOVE AVERAGE

As of January 16, reported **cotton** harvest remained at 99 percent complete, the same as last year and the 5-year average.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity continues to drop off from previous week. As of January 16, **alfalfa** harvest was reported as 80 percent not being harvested, 13 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 2 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition remained relatively constant with last week, being reported as 2 percent poor, 24 percent fair, 63 percent good, and 11 percent excellent. Sheeping off also declined slightly from the previous week, being reported as light to moderate.

**Range and Pasture** conditions decline slightly with rainfall throughout the state remaining behind the normal amounts. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 4 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 31 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Reported small grain plantings showed a marked increase, yet remain behind normal. As of January 16, 65 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 63 percent of **Barley**, 60 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 49 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as being planted.

Last week, temperatures throughout the state were well above average. Temperatures ranged

from 2 degrees above normal at Willcox and Gila Bend to 13 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 85 degrees at Casa Grande, Coolidge, and Tucson while the lowest reading was -3 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Zero precipitation was reported at all stations.

Central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables last week including **bok choy, broccoli, dandelion, dill, flowering kale, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Eastern Arizona producers shipped **hot house tomatoes**. Producers in western Arizona also shipped a wide variety of vegetables including **anise, bok choy, broccoli, broccoflower, broccolini, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, salad savoy, spinach** and **swiss chard**. Western **lettuce** and **salad/salad mixes** shipments included **boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine** and **spring mix**.

Central Arizona citrus producers harvested **lemons, navels, grapefruit, fairchild tangerines** and **tangelos**. Western citrus producers harvested **grapefruit, lemons** and **tangelos** last week.



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**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA FOR THE WEEK JANUARY 9-15, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Buckeye	52	3/	81	3/	0.00	0.00	0.37
Canyon De Chelly	29	9	66	-3	0.00	0.06	0.40
Casa Grande	51	5	85	31	0.00	0.00	0.41
Coolidge	49	4	85	25	0.00	0.04	0.43
Douglas	45	4	76	20	0.00	0.01	0.41
Flagstaff	28	9	60	15	0.00	0.23	1.03
Gila Bend	54	2	82	30	0.00	0.08	0.30
Grand Canyon	28	11	60	17	0.00	0.33	0.64
Kingman	42	7	72	22	0.00	0.00	0.45
Parker	53	3	79	32	0.00	0.00	0.30
Payson	38	5	69	17	0.00	0.41	0.98
Phoenix	53	5	81	36	0.00	0.01	0.35
Prescott Airport	38	6	65	20	0.00	0.09	0.53
Safford Ag Center	43	4	72	18	0.00	0.13	0.30
Tucson	51	6	85	30	0.00	0.10	0.45
Willcox	43	2	73	15	0.00	0.08	0.45
Winslow	31	13	67	14	0.00	0.05	0.25
Yuma	56	3	80	40	0.00	0.00	0.19

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.

3/ Not available.