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SMALL GRAIN PLANTING CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM

As of January 23, reported **cotton** harvest reached 100 percent complete.

Alfalfa harvest was reported as 80 percent not being harvested, 16 percent light, and 4 percent moderate. **Alfalfa** condition has remained relatively constant the past few weeks. Condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 26 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Sheeping off remained relatively constant compared to the previous week, being reported as light to moderate.

Range and Pasture conditions continue to decline slightly as compared to the previous week. Range and pasture conditions were reported as 10 percent very poor, 24 percent poor, 44 percent fair, 17 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

Reported small grain plantings continue to gain momentum, yet remain behind normal. As of January 23, 71 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 67 percent of **Barley**, 69 percent of **Other Wheat**, and 54 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as being planted.

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

ranged from 9 degrees above normal at Willcox to 19 degrees above normal at Winslow and Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Tucson while the lowest reading was 20 degrees at Willcox. Kingman reported 0.01 inches precipitation, all other stations reported zero.

Central Arizona producers shipped a variety of vegetables last week including **bok choy, broccoli, dandelion, dill, escarole, 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, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, 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 16-22, 2000

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Buckeye	52	9	75	46	0.00	0.00	0.51
Canyon De Chelly	30	19	67	31	0.00	0.06	0.54
Casa Grande	52	11	80	40	0.00	0.00	0.55
Coolidge	50	10	81	37	0.00	0.04	0.57
Douglas	45	12	82	30	0.00	0.01	0.55
Flagstaff	29	12	61	24	0.00	0.23	1.45
Gila Bend	54	11	83	46	0.00	0.08	0.43
Grand Canyon	28	15	59	24	0.00	0.33	0.92
Kingman	42	15	76	40	0.01	0.01	0.66
Parker	54	10	81	45	0.00	0.00	0.44
Payson	39	11	73	28	0.00	0.41	1.40
Phoenix	53	12	79	49	0.00	0.01	0.49
Prescott Airport	38	12	68	25	0.00	0.09	0.74
Safford Ag Center	43	12	78	31	0.00	0.13	0.44
Tucson	51	12	84	43	0.00	0.10	0.66
Willcox	43	9	77	20	0.00	0.08	0.66
Winslow	32	19	72	30	0.00	0.05	0.32
Yuma	56	11	82	48	0.00	0.00	0.26

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.