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### **Field Crops Report**

As of December 10, **Cotton** was reported as 98 percent harvested, compared to 87 percent last year, and 90 percent for the five year average.

**Alfalfa** harvest activity tapered off slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 69 percent not being harvested, 1 percent light, 5 percent moderate, and 25 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 7 percent poor, 34 percent fair, 55 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

### **Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report**

Producers in central Arizona shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, dandelion, dill, endive, escarole, flowering kale, kale, kohlrabi, mixed greens, napa, parsley and spinach last week. Producers in western Arizona shipped bok choy, broccoflower, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, rutabagas and spinach. Lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Citrus shipments in central Arizona included fairchild tangerines, grapefruit, lemons and navels last week. Shipments from western Arizona included grapefruit, lemons, navels and tangerines.

### **Livestock, Range and Pasture Report**

**Range and Pasture** conditions were reported as 2 percent very poor, 17 percent poor, 40 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 1 percent excellent. Early November rains and cool temperatures have helped to improve overall range and pasture conditions in Arizona. Heavy rains in October and the beginning of November have increased soil moisture levels and refilled stock tanks. Range and pastures conditions throughout the state were widely reported as being in fair to good condition, while livestock remained in fair condition for the month of November. Stock water and soil moisture conditions throughout the State were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Northern grazing conditions ranged from poor to good during November. Rains early in the month have improved conditions, but lack of recent rain has allowed some ranges to dry out. High elevation pastures were reported in fair to good condition. Mid level pastures were reported in poor to fair condition. Lower level were reported in poor to good condition. Livestock condition improved slightly from last month, being reported as fair. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions remained in fair to good during November. Heavy rains in October and early November have helped cool season grasses grow in some areas, while other areas reported that temperatures were too cold for any growth. Conditions ranged from fair to good at high level elevations, poor to good at mid level, and fair to good at lower elevations. Livestock condition continued to be reported as fair to good. Stock water and soil moisture were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as light.

Overall, Southern pasture conditions remained relatively constant compared with last month, being reported in fair to good condition. Above normal moisture levels for the month of October and November and adequate winter growth have helped Southern range and pasture. Conditions were reported as fair to good at high level, mid level, and low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water and soil moisture were reported as adequate. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures throughout the State were slightly above average for the week ending December 10. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon and Yuma to 2 degrees above normal at Kingman. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 17 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at four stations, with 11 stations reporting none. Precipitation ranged from 0.12 at Canyon De Chelly to 0.01 at Flagstaff.

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**Weather Information Table (temperatures, precipitation, and/or growing degree days)**

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA  
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 3-DECEMBER 9, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	33	6	60	20	0.12	8.11	9.07
Casa Grande	53	4	76	38	0.00	4.62	8.37
Coolidge	52	5	79	37	0.00	6.16	8.08
Douglas	47	3	69	32	0.00	14.12	12.65
Flagstaff	31	7	58	17	0.01	15.29	21.10
Gila Bend	56	4	78	35	0.00	6.30	6.20
Grand Canyon	31	8	56	20	0.10	17.16	14.60
Kingman	47	2	66	30	0.03	6.55	9.11
Parker	55	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	4.07
Payson	40	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	19.69	20.45
Phoenix	56	6	77	48	0.00	8.12	6.93
Prescott Airport	41	4	64	25	0.00	12.78	12.43
Safford Ag Center	45	5	75	31	0.00	12.14	8.99
Tucson	53	6	77	41	0.00	12.40	11.20
Willcox	44	4	70	28	0.00	15.12	11.99
Winslow	35	6	65	18	0.00	6.00	7.56
Yuma	57	8	80	48	0.00	1.78	2.81

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.