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Field Crops Report

As of December 17, the **cotton** harvest was virtually complete. **Cotton** was reported as 99 percent harvested, compared to 92 percent last year, and 94 percent for the five year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity remained relatively constant 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 6 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 9 percent excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Producers in central Arizona shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, 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, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio 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 3 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 45 percent fair, and 25 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was 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 17. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Winslow to 2 degrees below normal at Casa Grande. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Tucson and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 6 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Precipitation was reported at eight stations, with seven stations reporting none. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Winslow to 0.20 at Flagstaff.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 10-DECEMBER 16, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	32	3	52	6	0.00	8.23	9.21
Casa Grande	52	-2	71	29	0.02	4.64	8.65
Coolidge	50	0	71	31	0.05	6.21	8.39
Douglas	46	1	66	26	0.00	14.12	12.86
Flagstaff	30	3	52	18	0.20	15.50	21.66
Gila Bend	55	-1	71	37	0.00	6.30	6.41
Grand Canyon	30	3	48	17	0.16	17.42	15.02
Kingman	45	0	59	28	0.00	6.58	9.34
Parker	54	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	4.20
Payson	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	19.69	20.94
Phoenix	54	1	69	41	0.00	8.12	7.18
Prescott Airport	39	1	57	23	0.03	12.81	12.71
Safford Ag Center	44	2	67	24	0.06	12.20	9.20
Tucson	52	1	72	34	0.00	12.40	11.45
Willcox	43	3	67	26	0.15	15.27	12.27
Winslow	33	7	62	17	0.01	6.01	7.74
Yuma	56	2	72	43	0.00	1.78	2.91

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.