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Field Crops Report

As of December 24, the **cotton** harvest was virtually complete. **Cotton** was reported as 99 percent harvested, compared to 95 percent last year, and 96 percent for the five year average.

Alfalfa harvest activity tapered off slightly compared with last week. **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 73 percent not being harvested, and 27 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 37 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 7 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to moderate.

Small Grains planting is well underway. As of December 24, 23 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 24 percent of **Barley**, 24 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 26 percent of **Other Small Grains** were reported as planted.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

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

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

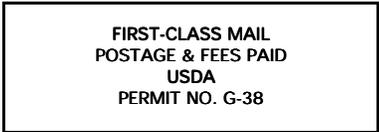
Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 1 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 47 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 average for the week ending December 23. Temperatures ranged from 7 degrees above normal at Flagstaff to 2 degrees below normal at Casa Grande. The highest temperature of the week was 76 degrees at both Coolidge and Gila Bend, while the lowest reading was 7 degrees at Winslow. No precipitation was reported at any of the 16 reporting stations.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 17-DECEMBER 24, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	30	2	56	9	0.00	8.23	9.39
Casa Grande	51	-2	72	26	0.00	4.66	8.93
Coolidge	50	-1	76	26	0.00	6.26	8.73
Douglas	45	0	69	19	0.00	14.12	13.10
Flagstaff	29	7	57	9	0.00	15.70	22.22
Gila B22.22end	54	0	76	32	0.00	6.30	6.62
Grand Canyon	29	5	54	10	0.00	17.58	15.43
Kingman	44	-1	64	22	0.00	6.58	9.55
Parker	53	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	4.34
Payson	38	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	19.69	21.49
Phoenix	53	2	73	40	0.00	8.12	7.42
Prescott Airport	38	1	63	15	0.00	12.84	12.99
Safford Ag Center	43	0	66	19	0.00	12.26	9.44
Tucson	51	3	75	33	0.00	12.40	11.73
Willcox	43	1	69	20	0.00	15.42	12.57
Winslow	32	1	67	7	0.00	6.02	7.88
Yuma	56	2	73	43	0.00	1.78	3.05

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.