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Field Crops Report

As of December 31, **Alfalfa** harvest was reported as 54 percent not being harvested, 3 percent light, 6 percent moderate, and 37 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 5 percent poor, 36 percent fair, 53 percent good, and 6 percent excellent. **Alfalfa** sheeping off was reported as none to moderate.

Small Grains planting is continuing at a good pace. As of December 31, 29 percent of **Durum Wheat**, 30 percent of **Barley**, 31 percent of **Winter Wheat**, and 29 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 2 percent very poor, 27 percent poor, 42 percent fair, and 29 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 30. Temperatures ranged from 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon to 3 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 75 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 6 degrees at Canyon De Chelly. Light precipitation was reported at four of the sixteen reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.08 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.05 at Grand Canyon, Safford and Winslow.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 24-DECEMBER 30, 2000**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	30	-3	57	6	0.08	8.31	9.60
Casa Grande	51	-1	74	28	0.00	4.66	9.21
Coolidge	50	0	75	28	0.00	6.26	9.01
Douglas	45	-3	66	18	0.00	14.12	13.38
Flagstaff	28	5	56	13	0.00	15.70	22.73
Gila Bend	53	1	74	34	0.00	6.30	6.83
Grand Canyon	28	8	55	14	0.05	17.63	15.78
Kingman	43	0	64	24	0.00	6.58	9.76
Parker	52	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	0.66	4.48
Payson	37	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.00	19.69	22.01
Phoenix	53	3	73	41	0.00	8.12	7.63
Prescott Airport	38	1	62	18	0.00	12.84	13.27
Safford Ag Center	43	1	66	22	0.05	12.31	9.65
Tucson	51	0	74	30	0.00	12.40	11.97
Willcox	42	-1	67	20	0.00	15.42	12.88
Winslow	31	2	58	13	0.05	6.07	8.02
Yuma	55	4	73	43	0.00	1.78	3.16

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.