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Field Crops Report

As of December 9, **Cotton** harvest is 92 percent complete, slightly behind last year's progress of 97 percent, but ahead of the five year average rate of 90 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 37 percent not being harvested, 11 percent light, 16 percent moderate and 36 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 13 percent poor, 31 percent fair, 48 percent good, and 8 percent excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, mixed greens, romaine, spinach and watermelons.

Western Arizona producers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, napa, parsley, radicchio, rapini and spinach last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

Last week citrus producers in central Arizona harvested fairchild tangerines, lemons, mandarins and navels, while western producers harvested fairchild tangerines, lemons and navels.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions improved from last week and were reported as 2 percent very poor, 8 percent poor, 42 percent fair, 40 percent good, and 8 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as adequate. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as light.

During November, ranges and pastures in Arizona remained in fair to good condition. Arizona Livestock were in fair to good condition, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Stock water supplies throughout the state were short to adequate, while soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was reported as light.

Northern grazing conditions remained fair to good during the month of November. Most ranchers reported warm and dry conditions continuing throughout the month of November, with many elk on the winter range and little rainfall. High level elevation pastures ranged from fair to excellent condition. Mid and lower levels remained in fair to good condition. Livestock were reported to be in good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate. Soil moisture conditions were reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

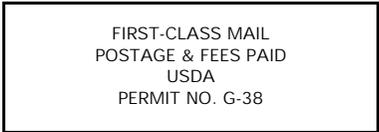
Overall, central pasture conditions were reported as fair, worsening slightly when compared to last month. Some ranchers continued reporting very dry conditions, with dry stock tanks and springs and supplemental feeding. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair at high level elevations, improving when compared with last month. Mid level elevations were reported in fair to good condition, while lower level conditions ranged from fair to excellent. Livestock conditions were reported as good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none.

Southern pastures were reported to be in poor to good condition overall, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Ranchers continued to report very dry conditions, little tank water and very little rain. Conditions were fair to good at high level elevation, remaining constant when compared with last month. Mid level conditions remained as poor to good. Lower level pastures also ranged from poor to good, worsening slightly when compared with last month. Livestock condition was reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies were reported as adequate, while soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below average for the week ending December 8. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Tucson and Yuma, to 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Coolidge, Safford, Tucson, and Yuma, while the lowest reading was 6 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Yuma to 0.89 inches at Payson.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 2 TO DECEMBER 8, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	34	3	59	15	0.15	5.85	9.05
Casa Grande	54	-2	75	31	0.67	8.46	8.33
Coolidge	52	-1	77	31	0.49	9.43	8.04
Douglas	47	-1	74	20	0.00	9.30	12.62
Flagstaff	31	1	49	6	0.33	16.69	21.02
Gila Bend	56	-1	75	35	0.17	4.88	6.17
Grand Canyon	31	3	49	10	0.39	17.56	14.54
Kingman	47	-2	63	29	0.19	7.50	9.08
Parker	55	-1	73	37	0.00	2.08	4.06
Payson	40	2	60	23	0.89	19.53	20.38
Phoenix	56	1	74	42	0.54	6.38	6.90
Prescott Airport	41	-1	59	22	0.37	10.69	12.40
Safford Ag Center	45	2	77	21	0.00	5.70	8.96
Tucson	54	-3	77	30	0.08	7.29	11.17
Willcox	44	0	73	19	0.03	12.92	11.95
Winslow	36	2	66	17	0.37	6.26	7.54
Yuma	58	-3	77	0	0.01	3.16	2.80

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.

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