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Field Crops Report

As of December 16, **Cotton** harvest is 95 percent complete, slightly behind last year's progress of 99 percent, but ahead of the five year average rate of 94 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 52 percent not being harvested, 13 percent light, 11 percent moderate and 24 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 10 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 58 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions declined slightly from last week and were reported as 3 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 50 percent fair, 35 percent good, and 5 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.

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 and spinach.

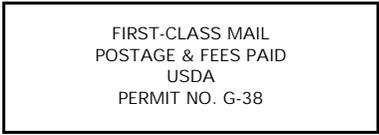
Western Arizona producers shipped anise, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, kale, mixed greens, napa, parsley, radicchio, rapini, spinach and swiss chard last week. Western lettuce shipments included boston, iceberg, leaf, romaine and spring mix.

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

Weather Summary

Temperatures for most of the State were below average for the week ending December 15. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly, Coolidge, and Winslow, to 8 degrees below normal at Flagstaff. The highest temperature of the week was 73 degrees at Parker, while the lowest reading was -8 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.01 inches at Winslow to 0.62 inches at Grand Canyon.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 9 TO DECEMBER 15, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	32	-3	53	-1	0.28	6.13	9.19
Casa Grande	52	-6	71	28	0.47	8.93	8.61
Coolidge	50	-3	72	29	0.55	9.98	8.34
Douglas	46	-7	64	14	0.26	9.56	12.83
Flagstaff	30	-8	47	-8	0.48	17.17	21.58
Gila Bend	55	-7	71	33	0.33	5.21	6.38
Grand Canyon	30	-5	53	-1	0.62	18.18	14.96
Kingman	45	-7	63	23	0.11	7.61	9.30
Parker	54	-5	73	32	0.00	2.08	4.18
Payson	39	-7	50	15	0.24	19.77	20.87
Phoenix	54	-4	72	36	0.34	6.72	7.14
Prescott Airport	39	-6	54	16	0.10	10.79	12.67
Safford Ag Center	44	-4	70	23	0.25	5.95	9.17
Tucson	52	-5	68	27	0.52	7.81	11.41
Willcox	43	-6	62	19	0.45	13.37	12.23
Winslow	34	-3	55	9	0.01	6.27	7.71
Yuma	57	-5	72	38	0.00	3.16	2.89

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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