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Field Crops Report

As of December 30, **Cotton** harvest is 99 percent complete, equal to last year's progress of 99 percent, and ahead of the five year average rate of 97 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 56 percent not being harvested, 13 percent light, 11 percent moderate and 20 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 9 percent poor, 27 percent fair, 60 percent good, and 4 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions improved slightly from last week and were reported as 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 52 percent fair, 32 percent good, and 7 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

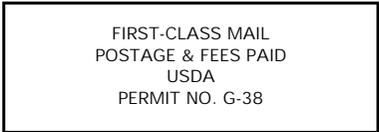
Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, carrots, cauliflower, green onions, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, romaine and spinach.

Western Arizona producers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, 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 average for the week ending December 29. Temperatures ranged from 4 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly, to 4 degrees below normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Tucson, while the lowest reading was -1 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.31 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.02 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 23 TO DECEMBER 29, 2001**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	30	4	53	13	0.31	6.34	9.57
Casa Grande	51	-3	70	26	0.00	8.93	9.17
Coolidge	50	-2	68	27	0.00	9.98	8.97
Douglas	45	-4	68	15	0.00	9.37	13.34
Flagstaff	28	2	49	-1	0.14	17.34	22.66
Gila Bend	53	-2	67	31	0.00	5.21	6.80
Grand Canyon	29	1	50	7	0.12	18.40	15.73
Kingman	43	-3	59	19	0.22	7.83	9.73
Parker	52	0	67	34	0.00	2.08	4.46
Payson	37	2	56	15	0.02	19.68	21.94
Phoenix	53	0	68	38	0.00	6.72	7.60
Prescott Airport	38	-1	55	16	0.19	10.90	13.23
Safford Ag Center	43	0	67	19	0.00	5.90	9.62
Tucson	51	-2	72	29	0.00	7.67	11.94
Willcox	42	0	67	16	0.00	13.37	12.84
Winslow	31	3	59	4	0.06	6.33	8.00
Yuma	56	-1	68	41	0.00	3.16	3.15

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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