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Field Crops Report

As of December 1, **cotton** harvest was 89 percent complete, slightly ahead of last year's rate of 87 percent and the five year average of 87 percent.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 33 percent not being harvested, 6 percent light, 38 percent moderate, and 23 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 4 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 17 percent excellent. Sheep continue to move onto alfalfa fields to graze on winter pasture.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 38 percent very poor, 39 percent poor, 20 percent fair, and 3 percent good. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cantaloupes, and honeydews while eastern Arizona producers shipped chilies and tomatoes. Producers in western Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, mixed greens, and parsley. Lettuce shipments included iceberg, leaf and romaine.

Citrus producers in central and western Arizona shipped lemons last week.

Weather Summary

Temperatures throughout the State were above average for the week ending November 30. Temperatures ranged from one degree below normal at Canyon De Chelly to five degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Yuma, while the lowest reading was 14 degrees at Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.09 inches at Canyon De Chelly to 0.94 inches at Gila Bend. Six of 17 reporting stations are at or above 50 percent of normal precipitation levels for this time of year.



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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 24 TO NOVEMBER 30, 2002**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	37	-1	56	17	0.09	5.89	8.88
Casa Grande	55	4	77	37	0.59	3.18	8.26
Coolidge	55	4	76	35	0.54	3.93	8.42
Douglas	49	1	70	29	0.12	8.11	12.70
Flagstaff	33	3	54	21	0.71	11.97	21.08
Gila Bend	59	1	78	41	0.94	1.68	6.17
Grand Canyon	34	3	57	19	0.60	7.15	15.40
Kingman	47	3	69	34	0.86	6.58	9.18
Parker	58	2	76	41	0.00	0.30	4.60
Payson	42	3	59	28	0.64	8.96	20.32
Phoenix	58	5	77	48	0.42	2.66	6.66
Prescott Airport	41	4	63	26	0.32	5.02	13.23
Safford Ag Center	48	3	71	31	0.15	5.26	8.88
Tucson	55	3	74	38	0.25	7.22	11.14
Willcox	47	3	69	26	0.22	5.44	12.05
Winslow	39	0	60	14	0.14	3.64	7.49
Yuma	60	3	81	48	0.00	0.00	2.59

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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