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Field Crops Report

As of December 7, **cotton** harvested was reported at 85 percent complete, compared with 92 percent last year and 90 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 69 percent not being harvested, 7 percent light, 10 percent moderate and 14 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 2 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 25 percent good and 65 percent excellent.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Western Arizona producers shipped bok choy, boston lettuce, broccoli, broccoflower, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, green onions, head lettuce, kale, leaf lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, radicchio, radishes, romaine lettuce, spinach and spring mix last week.

Citrus producers harvested grapefruit, lemons and tangerines in western Arizona last week.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 26 percent very poor, 21 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 19 percent good and 13 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short. **Soil Moisture** was reported as short. **Insect Damage** was reported as none to light.

During November, ranges and pastures in Arizona were in mostly poor to fair condition, declining from last month. Arizona livestock were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture throughout the state was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Northern grazing conditions were mostly poor, declining from last month. Ranchers reported very dry range conditions and the need for rain and snow. High-level elevations were reported in mostly poor condition. Mid-level elevations were reported in poor to fair condition, while low-level elevations remain mostly poor. Livestock were reported to be in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Overall, Central pasture conditions were reported as mostly fair, about the same as last month. Ranchers have reported a good start for spring feed, but will depend on winter precipitation. Some cattle restocking has occurred. Range and pasture conditions were reported as fair to good at high level and mostly fair at mid and low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was reported as none to light.

Southern pastures were reported in mostly poor condition, declining from last month. Lack of rains have left ranges short and dry. Cattle are in good condition, but not very heavy. Conditions were poor to good at high level elevations, poor to fair at mid level elevations and mostly poor at low level elevations. Livestock conditions were reported as fair to good. Stock water supplies were reported as short to adequate and soil moisture was reported as short. Insect damage was minimal.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above average for the week ending December 6. Temperatures ranged from 1 degree above normal at Winslow to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Coolidge, while the lowest reading was 13 degrees at Flagstaff. No precipitation was reported at any of the reporting stations.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK NOVEMBER 30 TO DECEMBER 6, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	35	4	65	18	0.00	7.18	9.01
Casa Grande	54	3	82	33	0.00	6.32	8.44
Coolidge	53	5	83	33	0.00	4.97	8.63
Douglas	47	6	79	29	0.00	6.69	12.88
Flagstaff	32	6	59	13	0.00	16.91	21.44
Gila Bend	57	2	80	35	0.00	8.24	6.27
Grand Canyon	33	9	66	22	0.00	14.09	15.60
Kingman	45	4	66	29	0.00	6.32	9.30
Parker	56	2	78	38	0.00	3.30	4.67
Payson	41	4	66	25	0.00	19.43	20.62
Phoenix	56	7	80	44	0.00	6.63	7.54
Prescott Airport	39	7	68	25	0.00	12.34	13.37
Safford Ag Center	47	5	75	27	0.00	4.72	9.04
Tucson	54	7	81	41	0.00	9.87	11.23
Willcox	45	5	74	25	0.00	5.50	12.26
Winslow	37	1	66	15	0.00	1.84	7.55
Yuma	59	3	78	46	0.00	1.90	2.65

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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