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Field Crops Report

As of December 14, **cotton** harvested was reported at 90 percent complete, compared with 95 percent last year and 93 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 71 percent not being harvested, 6 percent light, 12 percent moderate and 11 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 8 percent fair, 26 percent good and 63 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 36 percent very poor, 19 percent poor, 15 percent fair, 18 percent good and 12 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.

Fruit, Vegetable and Specialty Crops Report

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, chinese cabbage, head lettuce, mixed greens, parsley, romaine lettuce and spinach. Eastern Arizona shipped head lettuce and romaine lettuce last week. 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.

Weather Summary

Temperatures for the State were above average for the week ending December 13. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Gila Bend to 4 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Casa Grande, while the lowest reading was 7 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation was 0.04 inches at Prescott and 0.41 inches at the Grand Canyon.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 7 TO DECEMBER 13, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	33	4	57	16	0.07	7.25	9.15
Casa Grande	52	-1	80	29	0.07	6.39	8.68
Coolidge	52	-2	79	28	0.15	5.12	8.91
Douglas	46	0	73	22	0.05	6.74	13.10
Flagstaff	31	-1	49	7	0.29	17.20	21.84
Gila Bend	56	-3	75	33	0.00	8.24	6.48
Grand Canyon	32	-2	53	10	0.41	14.50	15.81
Kingman	44	-1	64	24	0.09	6.41	9.45
Parker	55	-2	69	33	0.40	3.70	4.81
Payson	40	-1	61	20	0.30	19.73	20.97
Phoenix	54	0	72	41	0.10	6.73	7.75
Prescott Airport	38	1	60	19	0.04	12.38	13.51
Safford Ag Center	45	0	71	22	0.05	4.77	9.25
Tucson	53	-2	77	32	0.05	9.92	11.45
Willcox	44	0	71	20	0.12	5.62	12.55
Winslow	35	2	62	18	0.21	2.05	7.67
Yuma	58	-1	73	41	0.00	1.90	2.72

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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