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Field Crops Report

As of December 21, **cotton** harvested was reported at 94 percent complete, compared with 98 percent last year and 96 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 77 percent not being harvested, 4 percent light, 8 percent moderate and 11 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 9 percent fair, 27 percent good and 61 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 34 percent very poor, 20 percent poor, 16 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 near normal for the week ending December 20. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Kingman and Parker, to 3 degrees above normal at Coolidge, Grand Canyon, Phoenix, and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Tucson, while the lowest reading was 8 degrees at Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 1 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation was 0.05 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 14 TO DECEMBER 20, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	32	0	62	9	0.00	7.25	9.31
Casa Grande	52	1	79	30	0.00	6.39	8.89
Coolidge	51	3	79	30	0.00	5.12	9.19
Douglas	46	-2	73	17	0.00	6.74	13.38
Flagstaff	30	1	57	10	0.00	17.20	22.20
Gila Bend	55	-1	78	31	0.00	8.24	6.69
Grand Canyon	31	3	57	9	0.05	14.55	16.02
Kingman	44	-3	65	22	0.00	6.41	9.65
Parker	54	-3	68	34	0.00	3.70	4.95
Payson	39	1	63	17	0.00	19.73	21.38
Phoenix	54	3	78	38	0.00	6.73	7.96
Prescott Airport	37	1	66	14	0.00	12.38	13.70
Safford Ag Center	44	0	69	21	0.00	4.77	9.46
Tucson	52	3	80	29	0.00	9.92	11.73
Willcox	44	-2	64	21	0.00	5.62	12.90
Winslow	34	-2	62	8	0.00	2.05	7.81
Yuma	57	0	74	43	0.00	1.90	2.79

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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