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Field Crops Report

As of December 28, **cotton** harvested was reported at 97 percent complete, compared with 99 percent last year and 98 percent for the five-year average.

Alfalfa harvest progress was reported as 79 percent not being harvested, 4 percent light, 8 percent moderate and 9 percent active. **Alfalfa** condition was reported as 3 percent poor, 10 percent fair, 25 percent good and 62 percent excellent.

Livestock, Range and Pasture Report

Range and Pasture conditions were reported as 34 percent very poor, 22 percent poor, 16 percent fair, 14 percent good and 14 percent excellent. **Livestock** were reported to be in fair to good condition. **Stock Water** was reported as short to adequate. **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 throughout the State were above normal for the week ending December 27. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below normal at Willcox to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 75 degrees at Douglas, while the lowest reading was 11 degrees at Flagstaff. Precipitation was reported at 12 of the 17 reporting stations. Precipitation ranged from 0.05 inches at Tucson and Willcox to 0.63 inches at Flagstaff.

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

**TEMPERATURES AND PRECIPITATION DATA
 FOR THE WEEK DECEMBER 21 TO DECEMBER 27, 2003**

Station	Temperatures				Precipitation 2/		
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Normal to Date
Canyon De Chelly	30	4	57	16	0.10	7.35	9.45
Casa Grande	51	3	75	33	0.15	6.54	9.10
Coolidge	51	3	74	32	0.20	5.32	9.47
Douglas	45	3	75	28	0.00	6.74	13.64
Flagstaff	29	0	47	11	0.63	17.83	22.63
Gila Bend	54	3	74	33	0.00	8.24	6.90
Grand Canyon	30	3	50	13	0.37	14.92	16.29
Kingman	42	3	60	22	0.18	6.59	9.86
Parker	53	2	71	37	0.00	3.70	5.09
Payson	38	2	58	24	0.25	19.98	21.80
Phoenix	53	5	72	41	0.09	6.82	8.17
Prescott Airport	36	4	56	21	0.40	12.78	13.91
Safford Ag Center	44	2	68	22	0.00	4.77	9.67
Tucson	51	3	71	30	0.05	9.97	12.01
Willcox	43	-2	60	25	0.05	5.67	13.19
Winslow	33	4	63	15	0.39	2.44	7.95
Yuma	56	2	74	37	0.00	1.90	2.93

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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