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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 60 percent complete across the State, 5 percentage points below the five year average. Cotton condition in the State remains mostly good. Alfalfa harvest is active on approximately half of the State's acreage. Sheeping off is underway in western alfalfa acres of the State. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and various citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, Chinese cabbage, various lettuce varieties, spinach, and various citrus.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending November 16, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and St. Johns to 6 degrees above normal at Flagstaff and Parker. The highest temperature of the week was 89 degrees at various locations, and the lowest reading of 19 degrees occurred at St. Johns and Winslow. Precipitation was reported at 8 of the 22 stations. Flagstaff received the most at 0.29 inches of precipitation and Tucson received the least with 0.01 inches. Phoenix is only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures continued to dry out due to the lack of precipitation and mostly above normal temperatures. Range conditions were mostly fair to good. October temperatures varied widely with below normal temperatures in the middle of the month and well above normal temperatures toward the end of October. Precipitation occurred early in October and was isolated mostly to the northern and southeastern areas of the State. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. High and mid elevation conditions were fair to good. Low elevation conditions were poor to good, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly poor to fair. High elevation conditions were fair. Mid elevation conditions were poor to good, depending on location. Low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on elevation. High elevation pastures were mostly good to excellent. Mid elevation rangeland was mostly fair to good, but low elevation pastures varied rather evenly from poor to excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate. Soil moisture was short. Insect damage was moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 November 10 - November 16, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	5	84	34	0.00	6.10	-2.09	74
Buckeye	61	2	86	41	0.00	4.06	-2.28	64
Canyon De Chelly	40	-3	61	20	0.11	7.80	-0.76	91
Coolidge	58	2	82	37	0.00	4.46	-1.78	71
Douglas	54	2	78	29	0.00	9.19	-2.92	76
Flagstaff	43	6	70	23	0.29	13.86	-5.63	71
Grand Canyon	39	5	64	20	0.27	10.49	-7.02	60
Kingman	53	3	76	32	0.03	4.70	-3.76	56
Marana	60	2	83	42	0.00	5.41	-3.59	60
Maricopa	60	3	83	41	0.00	5.71	-0.16	97
Paloma	61	2	89	40	0.00	4.16	-0.87	83
Parker	65	6	88	43	0.00	2.47	-0.66	79
Payson	49	3	72	28	0.00	14.30	-4.69	75
Phoenix	66	4	85	51	0.00	7.97	1.63	126
Prescott	48	5	71	31	0.22	9.97	-7.30	58
Roll	63	3	89	40	0.00	2.00	-0.58	78
Safford	54	2	77	33	0.02	7.97	-0.49	94
St. Johns	42	-3	65	19	0.19	6.50	-3.87	63
Tucson	60	2	80	42	0.01	7.36	-3.24	69
Willcox	51	2	79	29	0.00	8.56	-2.79	75
Winslow	44	-2	69	19	0.00	3.63	-3.52	51
Yuma	69	5	89	50	0.00	2.00	-0.58	78

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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