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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 65 percent complete across the State, 6 percentage points below the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on approximately a third of the State's acreage. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa acres of the State. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from mostly poor to good.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and various citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, honeydews, various lettuce varieties, miscellaneous melons and Asian vegetables, spinach, and various citrus.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	8	62	19	11
Range and Pasture	8	23	31	26	12

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	65	60	74	71

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending November 23, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly and St. Johns to 11 degrees above normal at Marana and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 90 degrees at

Buckeye and Paloma, and the lowest reading of 15 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 stations. Phoenix is the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 November 17 - November 23, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	60	7	84	39	0.00	6.10	-2.23	73
Buckeye	63	6	90	40	0.00	4.06	-2.42	63
Canyon De Chelly	42	3	64	19	0.00	7.80	-0.97	89
Coolidge	62	8	89	38	0.00	4.46	-1.92	70
Douglas	54	5	80	29	0.00	9.19	-3.06	75
Flagstaff	43	8	66	19	0.00	13.86	-6.12	69
Grand Canyon	40	9	68	15	0.00	10.49	-7.44	59
Kingman	58	9	80	35	0.00	4.70	-3.97	54
Marana	67	11	89	46	0.00	5.41	-3.69	59
Maricopa	62	7	88	38	0.00	5.71	-0.30	95
Paloma	63	7	90	41	0.00	4.16	-0.94	82
Parker	63	6	87	42	0.00	2.47	-0.67	79
Payson	51	7	74	29	0.00	14.30	-5.11	74
Phoenix	70	11	88	51	0.00	7.97	1.49	123
Prescott	51	10	75	30	0.00	9.97	-7.67	57
Roll	62	5	88	39	0.00	2.00	-0.65	75
Safford	55	6	78	35	0.00	7.97	-0.63	93
St. Johns	44	3	70	20	0.00	6.50	-4.01	62
Tucson	66	10	86	49	0.00	7.36	-3.39	68
Willcox	52	5	80	28	0.00	8.56	-2.93	74
Winslow	44	4	69	19	0.00	3.63	-3.63	50
Yuma	72	10	88	55	0.00	2.00	-0.65	75

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

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