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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 70 percent complete across the State, 7 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 broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, greens, honeydews, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, various lettuce varieties, miscellaneous melons, herbs, Asian vegetables, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	63	23	10
Range and Pasture	8	24	30	26	12

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	70	65	79	77

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending November 30, ranging from 3 degrees above normal at Canyon De Chelly to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Coolidge and Marana, and the lowest reading of 16 degrees occurred at Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was reported at all of the 22 stations. Yuma received the most at 2.23 inches of precipitation and Tucson received the least with 0.20 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 November 24 - November 30, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	57	7	77	39	0.74	6.84	-1.63	81
Buckeye	60	5	80	41	1.11	5.17	-1.52	77
Canyon De Chelly	39	3	57	18	0.74	8.54	-0.39	96
Coolidge	58	6	84	33	0.39	4.85	-1.67	74
Douglas	54	6	75	34	0.77	9.96	-2.44	80
Flagstaff	39	7	59	19	0.97	14.83	-5.64	72
Grand Canyon	39	9	57	16	1.28	11.77	-6.58	64
Kingman	53	7	72	36	0.27	4.97	-3.91	56
Marana	61	7	84	41	0.45	5.86	-3.40	63
Maricopa	58	6	80	37	0.25	5.96	-0.19	97
Paloma	60	6	80	41	0.40	4.56	-0.64	88
Parker	61	7	83	43	0.85	3.32	0.12	104
Payson	46	4	66	29	1.77	16.07	-3.82	81
Phoenix	63	6	82	49	0.49	8.46	1.77	126
Prescott	48	8	67	30	0.92	10.89	-7.17	60
Roll	61	6	78	41	0.86	2.86	0.14	105
Safford	53	6	73	35	0.55	8.52	-0.23	97
St. Johns	42	5	63	18	0.29	6.79	-3.86	64
Tucson	61	6	81	41	0.20	7.56	-3.40	69
Willcox	51	6	76	30	0.54	9.10	-2.56	78
Winslow	44	5	64	20	0.58	4.21	-3.19	57
Yuma	67	8	83	53	2.23	4.23	1.51	156

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

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