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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 95 percent complete, ahead of last year at 84 percent, and ahead of the five-year average of 91 percent. Alfalfa conditions range from poor to good depending on location. Sheeping off is moderately active in western and central alfalfa acres in the State. Range and pasture conditions are mostly very poor, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, greens, parsley, and spinach.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, Boston, iceberg, and romaine lettuce, and green leaf, red leaf lettuce, bok choy, parsley, and spinach this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	-	11	62	19	8
Range and Pasture	65	21	8	5	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvesting	95	92	84	91

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending December 20, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Flagstaff to 6 degrees above normal at Marana. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana and the lowest reading of 2 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation

was reported at eleven of the 22 stations. Tucson and Winslow received the lowest at 0.01 inches and Grand Canyon received the most at 0.34 inches of precipitation. There are no reporting stations that have above normal precipitation. Nineteen of the 22 stations show less than 60 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
December 14, 2009 - December 20, 2009

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	52	5	71	33	0.00	5.41	-3.46	61
Buckeye	55	5	74	35	0.00	2.76	-4.57	38
Canyon De Chelly	29	-2	46	14	0.09	4.96	-4.45	53
Coolidge	52	3	73	29	0.00	3.42	-3.60	49
Douglas	47	2	68	24	0.00	5.76	-7.29	44
Flagstaff	27	-3	46	6	0.28	9.63	-12.35	44
Grand Canyon	28	2	60	2	0.34	9.71	-9.78	50
Kingman	44	2	59	29	0.17	4.99	-4.46	53
Marana	55	6	78	36	0.02	5.13	-4.82	52
Maricopa	52	4	72	31	0.00	3.66	-2.88	56
Paloma	53	3	75	33	0.00	1.63	-3.99	29
Parker	52	2	72	34	0.00	1.60	-1.77	47
Payson	42	4	61	23	0.00	11.26	-10.04	53
Phoenix	58	5	73	43	0.00	3.10	-4.23	42
Prescott	39	3	59	22	0.22	7.67	-11.41	40
Roll	54	3	76	32	0.00	0.92	-2.07	31
Safford	46	3	65	28	0.12	4.54	-4.81	49
St. Johns	33	-1	53	12	0.02	3.68	-7.43	33
Tucson	55	4	73	34	0.01	5.82	-5.79	50
Willcox	46	4	69	24	0.05	9.97	-2.48	80
Winslow	32	0	56	11	0.01	2.95	-4.87	38
Yuma	60	5	74	46	0.00	2.44	-0.55	82

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

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