



United States Department of Agriculture
National Agricultural Statistics Service
ARIZONA AGRI-WEEKLY



Issue AZ-CW4810 - For the week ending December 12 - Released December 13, 2010

230 North 1st Avenue · Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706
(602) 280-8850 · (602) 280-8897 FAX · www.nass.usda.gov/az

To receive this information via email send a message to listserv@newsbox.usda.gov and include in the BODY of the message: subscribe usda-az-crop-weather John Doe (replace with your name).

Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 80 percent complete, behind last year at 91 percent, and behind the five year average of 87 percent. Most alfalfa is in fair to excellent condition. Harvesting is active on over half of the State's acreage. Sheeping-off is occurring in many areas, range and pasture conditions vary from very poor to good. Last year at this time, 85 percent were very poor to poor. Currently, 36 percent are very poor to poor.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

This week Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale greens, and parsley.

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	13	35	33	19
Range and Pasture	17	19	29	26	9

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	80	68	91	87

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above average across the State for the week ending December 12, ranging from 5 degrees above normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Flagstaff, Marana, and Prescott. The highest

temperature of the week was 84 degrees at Roll. The lowest readings at 13 degrees occurred at Canyon De Chelly and St. Johns. There was no precipitation recorded in any of the 22 weather stations this week.

Major Contributors: The University of Arizona, Cooperative Extension Service; U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Weather Service; U. S. Department of Agriculture, Farm Services Agency, Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Rural Economic and Community Development Services; Arizona Citrus, Fruit and Vegetable Standardization.

USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

United States Department of Agriculture
 National Agricultural Statistics Service
 Arizona Field Office
 230 N. 1st Ave, Suite 303
 Phoenix, AZ 85003-1706

FIRST-CLASS MAIL
 POSTAGE & FEES PAID
 USDA
 PERMIT NO. G-38

Official Business
 Penalty For Private Use \$300
www.nass.usda.gov/az

Address Service Requested

Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 6, 2010 - December 12, 2010								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	57	9	79	35	0.00	9.6	0.92	111
Buckeye	59	7	82	37	0.00	7.28	0.26	104
Canyon De Chelly	39	7	58	13	0.00	10.5	1.25	114
Coolidge	57	7	81	31	0.00	7.64	0.86	113
Douglas	52	7	80	22	0.00	9.76	-2.98	77
Flagstaff	40	10	58	17	0.00	24.49	3.15	115
Grand Canyon	36	9	57	15	0.00	15.46	-3.55	81
Kingman	50	6	67	30	0.00	7.02	-2.18	76
Marana	60	10	82	40	0.00	8.43	-1.20	88
Maricopa	57	7	80	32	0.00	7.71	1.34	121
Paloma	58	7	80	35	0.00	4.69	-0.74	86
Parker	56	5	76	35	0.00	4.28	0.99	130
Payson	47	8	66	24	0.00	19.04	-1.62	92
Phoenix	63	9	80	48	0.00	8.07	1.05	115
Prescott	46	10	66	24	0.00	12.87	-5.81	69
Roll	59	8	84	34	0.00	3.64	0.80	128
Safford	52	7	75	28	0.00	10.63	1.55	117
St. Johns	40	6	67	13	0.00	8.1	-2.77	75
Tucson	60	8	82	41	0.00	10.76	-0.53	95
Willcox	51	9	79	23	0.00	13.22	1.14	109
Winslow	41	7	65	15	0.00	5.89	-1.73	77
Yuma	65	9	81	48	0.00	3.84	1.00	135

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

Director:
 Steve Manheimer
 Deputy Director:
 David DeWalt

Agricultural Statisticians
 Dianne Matta
 Maria Bautista
 Chris Singh
 Clare Jervis
 Sean De Roon