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## Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 60 percent complete which is slightly ahead of last year but below the 5-year average of 67. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Harvesting is active on just under half of the acreage across the State. Sheep have been brought in to graze on some alfalfa fields.

## Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Winter storms provided much needed moisture and filled some water tanks but cooler temperatures prevented any new growth of pasture.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and lemons this week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, honeydews, and various lettuces including Boston, Iceberg, Green Leaf, Red Leaf and Romaine. Also shipped were kale, parsley, and spinach this week.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	14	36	37	13
Range and Pasture	34	22	26	16	2

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	60	55	59	67

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending November 20th, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Parker and Payson to 6 degrees above normal at Douglas and Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 79 degrees at Coolidge, Phoenix and Yuma. The lowest reading was 18 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded

in 11 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Canyon De Chelly with 0.02 inches and the most precipitation was recorded in Tucson with 0.48 inches. Roll and Tucson are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation for the year. Only 8 of the weather stations have received precipitation to date above 80 percent of normal.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 14, 2011 - November 20, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	55	0	75	38	0.00	4.08	-4.16	50
Buckeye	59	0	78	42	0.00	3.39	-3.01	53
Canyon De Chelly	42	1	57	22	0.02	6.11	-2.53	71
Coolidge	56	0	79	35	0.00	2.75	-3.54	44
Douglas	57	6	76	39	0.03	5.61	-6.57	46
Flagstaff	39	4	54	22	0.11	18.41	-1.29	93
Grand Canyon	39	6	56	18	0.03	12.72	-4.97	72
Kingman	51	0	67	36	0.03	8.18	-0.36	96
Marana	59	2	75	44	0.00	4.06	-4.97	45
Maricopa	58	3	76	40	0.00	2.26	-3.67	38
Paloma	59	1	78	43	0.00	4.30	-0.77	85
Parker	57	-2	76	38	0.00	2.63	-0.50	84
Payson	44	-2	61	28	0.00	13.45	-5.72	70
Phoenix	64	4	79	53	0.00	3.54	-2.86	55
Prescott	47	4	64	32	0.09	8.51	-8.91	49
Roll	61	2	78	43	0.00	4.17	1.55	159
Safford	53	2	73	34	0.03	3.95	-4.57	46
St. Johns	43	2	62	21	0.02	7.35	-3.07	71
Tucson	59	2	76	44	0.48	10.81	0.15	101
Willcox	50	2	72	31	0.15	9.91	-1.50	87
Winslow	47	4	65	28	0.06	6.16	-1.02	86
Yuma	65	2	79	53	0.00	1.83	-0.79	70
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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