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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 70 percent complete which is slightly ahead of last year but below the 5-year average of 77. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good. Harvesting is active on about 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. Seasonal temperatures and sporadic precipitation have helped conditions on low and mid elevation pastures. Lack of sustained soil moisture, however, has limited forage production.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard and lemons this week.

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

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	9	32	42	17
Range and Pasture	26	23	33	16	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	70	67	67	77

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending December 4th, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at various locations to 7 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 80 degrees at Tucson and Yuma. The lowest reading was 1 degree at Flagstaff. Precipitation was recorded in 18 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation

was recorded in Buckeye with 0.02 inches and the most precipitation was recorded in Payson with 0.84 inches. Kingman, 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 28, 2011 - December 4, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	48	-4	77	22	0.04	4.12	-4.40	48
Buckeye	52	-3	76	32	0.02	3.41	-3.37	50
Canyon De Chelly	36	1	60	19	0.16	6.40	-2.61	71
Coolidge	49	-4	78	29	0.31	3.26	-3.31	50
Douglas	54	7	76	32	0.00	6.24	-6.26	50
Flagstaff	33	1	66	1	0.81	19.31	-1.39	93
Grand Canyon	33	4	64	2	0.27	12.99	-5.54	70
Kingman	46	0	72	29	0.80	8.98	0.02	100
Marana	55	2	77	35	0.39	4.58	-4.77	49
Maricopa	50	-3	77	30	0.05	2.31	-3.90	37
Paloma	50	-4	78	29	0.00	4.30	-0.97	82
Parker	51	-4	75	29	0.06	2.69	-0.52	84
Payson	41	0	70	22	0.84	14.40	-5.70	72
Phoenix	58	2	76	40	0.13	3.69	-3.09	54
Prescott	42	4	71	12	0.53	9.04	-9.20	50
Roll	52	-3	77	30	0.00	4.17	1.41	151
Safford	50	3	71	29	0.42	4.46	-4.38	50
St. Johns	39	2	68	17	0.04	7.63	-3.07	71
Tucson	56	2	80	35	0.52	11.47	0.42	104
Willcox	47	3	75	24	0.11	10.15	-1.61	86
Winslow	40	3	70	21	0.37	6.55	-0.91	88
Yuma	60	2	80	39	0.00	1.83	-0.93	66
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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