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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 75 percent complete which is slightly behind last year and below the 5-year average of 84 percent complete. 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. Planting of small grains is underway.

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 bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, 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, celery, 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	33	42	16
Range and Pasture	27	25	32	15	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	75	70	78	84

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal for the week ending December 11th, ranging from 12 degrees below normal at St. Johns to 5 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon, Marana, and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 73 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was -3 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 6 of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in

Canyon De Chelly, Flagstaff and Grand Canyon with 0.01 inches and the most precipitation was recorded in Phoenix with 0.04 inches. Roll and Tucson are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation for the year. Only 7 of the weather stations have received precipitation to date above 80 percent of normal.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 5, 2011 - December 11, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	43	-6	67	22	0.00	4.12	-4.54	48
Buckeye	47	-7	69	27	0.00	3.41	-3.58	49
Canyon De Chelly	23	-11	40	10	0.01	6.41	-2.81	70
Coolidge	43	-8	71	22	0.00	3.26	-3.49	48
Douglas	41	-6	66	19	0.00	6.24	-6.47	49
Flagstaff	20	-11	42	0	0.01	19.32	-1.94	91
Grand Canyon	24	-5	48	-3	0.01	13.00	-5.95	69
Kingman	37	-8	57	22	0.00	8.98	-0.19	98
Marana	47	-5	69	29	0.00	4.58	-5.01	48
Maricopa	43	-8	69	22	0.00	2.31	-4.04	36
Paloma	45	-8	70	22	0.00	4.30	-1.11	79
Parker	45	-8	68	22	0.00	2.69	-0.59	82
Payson	34	-7	58	14	0.03	14.43	-6.16	70
Phoenix	51	-5	71	36	0.04	3.73	-3.26	53
Prescott	32	-7	56	11	0.00	9.04	-9.59	49
Roll	46	-7	73	24	0.00	4.17	1.34	147
Safford	39	-7	60	21	0.00	4.46	-4.59	49
St. Johns	24	-12	43	6	0.02	7.65	-3.19	71
Tucson	45	-9	70	28	0.00	11.47	0.21	102
Willcox	36	-8	63	13	0.00	10.15	-1.89	84
Winslow	26	-10	41	11	0.00	6.55	-1.05	86
Yuma	52	-6	72	38	0.00	1.83	-1.00	65
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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