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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is virtually complete, nearly the same as last year and the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions remain mostly fair to good. Harvesting continues in a few areas across the State. Barley seeding is in its final stage and durum seeding is more than three-fourths complete.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Scattered showers replenished some of the soil moisture, but more is needed for spring growth.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, kale, bok choy, cilantro, parsley and citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf and romaine lettuces. Also shipped this week were bok choy, arugula, cilantro, parsley, radicchio, spinach and citrus.

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | <i>- Percent -</i> | | | | |
| Alfalfa | 2 | 14 | 39 | 31 | 14 |
| Range and Pasture | 30 | 24 | 29 | 15 | 2 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending January 29th, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Paloma to 7 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 5 degrees at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded in 11 of the

21 weather stations. The least amount of precipitation was recorded in the Parker, Payson, and Safford areas with 0.01 inches and the Grand Canyon area received the most precipitation at 0.40 inches. Five of the weather stations have yet to receive precipitation in 2012.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| January 23, 2012 - January 29, 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 52 | 3 | 73 | 31 | 0.13 | 0.13 | -0.99 | 12 |
| Buckeye | 55 | 2 | 78 | 34 | 0.02 | 0.02 | -0.61 | 3 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 34 | 3 | 64 | 13 | 0.17 | 0.17 | -0.51 | 25 |
| Coolidge | 53 | 2 | 77 | 29 | 0.00 | 0.40 | -0.39 | 51 |
| Douglas | 52 | 7 | 76 | 28 | 0.00 | 0.21 | -0.48 | 30 |
| Flagstaff | 33 | 4 | 55 | 13 | 0.03 | 0.42 | -1.48 | 22 |
| Grand Canyon | 29 | 3 | 53 | 5 | 0.40 | 0.61 | -1.73 | 26 |
| Kingman | 45 | 1 | 71 | 27 | 0.13 | 0.14 | -0.73 | 16 |
| Maricopa | 54 | 3 | 79 | 30 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.65 | 0 |
| Paloma | 53 | -3 | 76 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.58 | 0 |
| Parker | 53 | -1 | 75 | 30 | 0.01 | 0.01 | -0.76 | 1 |
| Payson | 42 | 3 | 65 | 19 | 0.01 | 0.21 | -1.68 | 11 |
| Phoenix | 57 | 4 | 77 | 42 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.63 | 0 |
| Prescott | 40 | 4 | 66 | 19 | 0.02 | 0.10 | -1.33 | 7 |
| Roll | 56 | 2 | 81 | 35 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.33 | 0 |
| Safford | 47 | 3 | 69 | 26 | 0.01 | 0.17 | -0.47 | 27 |
| St. Johns | 34 | 0 | 56 | 13 | 0.02 | 0.04 | -0.59 | 6 |
| Tucson | 54 | 3 | 75 | 34 | 0.00 | 0.14 | -0.69 | 17 |
| Willcox | 46 | 4 | 71 | 23 | 0.00 | 0.13 | -0.76 | 15 |
| Winslow | 37 | 4 | 60 | 12 | 0.00 | 0.05 | -0.36 | 12 |
| Yuma | 63 | 6 | 79 | 46 | 0.00 | 0.00 | -0.33 | 0 |

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

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