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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 90 percent complete, 5 percentage points ahead of last year and 10 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions continue to be mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting has occurred on almost all of the growing areas across the State. Nearly the State's entire durum wheat crop has headed.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cabbage, watermelons and potatoes.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate this past week with the lack of much needed moisture. Conditions rang from very poor to good depending on location and elevation. Wildfire concerns are increasing.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair - Percent -	Good	Excellent
Alfalfa	-	3	19	51	27
Range and Pasture	53	13	21	12	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Planted	90	75	85	80

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal in all but two weather stations for the week ending May 13, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Prescott and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees at Paloma. The lowest reading was 24 degrees at Grand Canyon.

Precipitation was recorded in 7 of the 21 weather stations. Payson and Phoenix received the least precipitation at 0.03 inches and Douglas received the most at 0.40 inches. To date in 2012 all weather stations have below normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
May 7, 2012 - May 13, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	71	2	99	43	0.00	0.83	-3.11	21
Buckeye	77	1	101	53	0.00	0.84	-1.69	33
Canyon De Chelly	61	3	85	38	0.00	0.89	-1.98	31
Coolidge	73	-1	101	46	0.06	1.57	-1.62	49
Douglas	68	3	91	47	0.40	0.77	-1.22	39
Flagstaff	51	3	75	27	0.00	4.46	-4.14	52
Grand Canyon	50	6	78	24	0.00	3.29	-5.30	38
Kingman	70	6	91	44	0.00	2.70	-0.92	75
Maricopa	77	3	102	51	0.10	0.42	-2.42	15
Paloma	76	1	106	53	0.00	0.59	-2.17	21
Parker	74	-3	100	50	0.00	0.41	-1.67	20
Payson	60	2	84	36	0.03	2.09	-5.56	27
Phoenix	82	6	99	64	0.03	0.36	-2.17	14
Prescott	63	7	85	37	0.00	2.36	-3.62	39
Roll	77	1	103	52	0.00	0.14	-0.81	15
Safford	70	2	93	45	0.04	1.23	-0.97	56
St. Johns	62	4	84	37	0.00	0.42	-2.40	15
Tucson	75	4	95	56	0.00	0.68	-2.05	25
Willcox	65	2	92	41	0.13	1.02	-1.61	39
Winslow	63	3	87	39	0.00	0.65	-1.27	34
Yuma	83	7	101	64	0.00	0.09	-0.86	9

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

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