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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 97 percent complete 4 percentage points ahead of last year and 8 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Replanting has occurred in a few areas across the State. The crop is in mostly fair to good condition. 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. The durum wheat harvest is getting underway in a few areas.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed and miscellaneous melons, watermelons, onions, and potatoes.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continued to deteriorate this past week with the lack of much needed moisture. Conditions range from very poor to fair depending on location and elevation. Wildfire concerns remain in many areas across the State this week.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			<i>- Percent -</i>		
Alfalfa	-	3	23	46	28
Range and Pasture	51	18	19	10	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
			<i>- Percent -</i>	
Cotton				
• Planted	97	90	91	89

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending May 20, ranging from 2 degrees above normal at Paloma to 11 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 109 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was 27

degrees at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was recorded in the 21 weather stations. To date in 2012 all weather stations have below 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
May 14, 2012 - May 20, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	77	5	99	51	0.00	0.83	-3.11	21
Buckeye	81	3	105	60	0.00	0.84	-1.73	33
Canyon De Chelly	63	4	88	36	0.00	0.89	-2.12	30
Coolidge	79	4	103	54	0.00	1.57	-1.68	48
Douglas	75	8	94	52	0.00	0.77	-1.28	38
Flagstaff	56	6	77	29	0.00	4.46	-4.29	51
Grand Canyon	56	9	82	27	0.00	3.29	-5.51	37
Kingman	76	9	96	51	0.00	2.70	-0.99	73
Maricopa	82	6	105	60	0.00	0.42	-2.45	15
Paloma	80	2	105	55	0.00	0.59	-2.24	21
Parker	81	4	105	55	0.00	0.41	-1.67	20
Payson	65	5	89	40	0.00	2.09	-5.70	27
Phoenix	89	10	106	71	0.00	0.36	-2.21	14
Prescott	68	11	89	45	0.00	2.36	-3.76	39
Roll	81	3	109	56	0.00	0.14	-0.81	15
Safford	76	7	98	50	0.00	1.23	-1.01	55
St. Johns	66	6	87	40	0.00	0.42	-2.47	15
Tucson	84	10	101	63	0.00	0.68	-2.09	25
Willcox	73	8	95	48	0.00	1.02	-1.68	38
Winslow	68	6	92	41	0.00	0.65	-1.34	33
Yuma	88	9	109	68	0.00	0.09	-0.86	9

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

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