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Field Crops

Cotton planting is 98 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of last year and 5 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Replanting has occurred in a few areas across the State. Squaring had occurred on almost a fourth of the acreage. The crop is in mostly fair to good condition. Alfalfa conditions continue to be mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Harvesting occurred in 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 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. Heavy winds and warm temperatures are causing range conditions to worsen more rapidly and prevent new growth. Wildfire concerns remain in many areas across the State.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			<i>- Percent -</i>		
Alfalfa	-	2	13	49	36
Range and Pasture	52	15	21	11	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
			<i>- Percent -</i>	
Cotton				
• Planted	98	97	96	93

Weather Summary

Temperatures were generally above normal across the State for the week ending May 27, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Paloma to 8 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon, Prescott, Safford and Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 110

degrees at Roll. The lowest reading was 20 degrees at Grand Canyon. No precipitation was recorded in the 21 weather stations. All weather stations are below 75 percent of normal precipitation to date in 2012.

Coming soon – NASS’s annual June surveys on crops and livestock. In the first two weeks of June, NASS will survey about 140,000 U.S. producers and visit 42,000 tracts of farm land to collect information. Responses to these surveys provide the foundation for estimates in the upcoming growing year and will first be released in the *Acreage* and other reports on June 29. Watch for the survey and be sure to respond. Your information matters!

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
May 21, 2012 - May 27, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	74	-1	102	41	0.00	0.83	-3.11	21
Buckeye	77	-5	105	50	0.00	0.84	-1.73	33
Canyon De Chelly	67	5	92	35	0.00	0.89	-2.20	29
Coolidge	75	-3	107	44	0.00	1.57	-1.68	48
Douglas	76	7	102	49	0.00	0.77	-1.28	38
Flagstaff	57	5	82	27	0.00	4.46	-4.39	50
Grand Canyon	56	8	86	20	0.00	3.29	-5.71	37
Kingman	74	4	98	44	0.00	2.70	-1.01	73
Maricopa	80	1	108	52	0.00	0.42	-2.45	15
Paloma	75	-6	107	48	0.00	0.59	-2.24	21
Parker	78	-2	107	51	0.00	0.41	-1.67	20
Payson	64	2	89	32	0.00	2.09	-5.78	27
Phoenix	86	5	108	63	0.00	0.36	-2.21	14
Prescott	68	8	90	38	0.00	2.36	-3.86	38
Roll	77	-4	110	49	0.00	0.14	-0.81	15
Safford	80	8	102	55	0.00	1.23	-1.01	55
St. Johns	68	6	94	34	0.00	0.42	-2.54	14
Tucson	83	7	105	55	0.00	0.68	-2.09	25
Willcox	75	8	101	45	0.00	1.02	-1.69	38
Winslow	69	5	95	32	0.00	0.65	-1.41	32
Yuma	84	3	108	57	0.00	0.09	-0.86	9
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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