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Field Crops

Cotton squaring has occurred on 70 percent of the acreage, ahead of the 5-year average of 52 percent. Cotton bolls setting has occurred mostly in the Yuma area. The cotton crop condition varies from fair to excellent. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Alfalfa harvesting is active on close to two-thirds of the growing area across the State. The durum wheat harvest is approximately three-quarters complete.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Range and Pasture

Rangeland and pasture are drying out rapidly with the lack of moisture, high temperatures and low humidity. Grazing areas remain in mostly very poor to fair condition. Stock tanks are also drying out. Wildfire concerns remain in many areas across the State.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	-	2	32	49	17
Range and Pasture	45	27	21	6	1
Cotton	1	6	21	49	23

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Squaring	70	50	62	52
• Setting Bolls	15	-	19	13

Weather Summary

Temperatures continued mostly above normal across the State for the week ending June 24th, ranging from 1 degree below normal at Paloma to 8 degrees above normal at Prescott and St. Johns. The highest temperature of the week was 115 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 33 degrees at the Grand

Canyon. Precipitation was not recorded at any of the 21 weather stations in the State. No precipitation has fallen in Arizona since the second week of May. All weather stations continue to be below 75 percent of normal precipitation for the year.

Survey work – 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								
June 18, 2012 - June 24, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	83	2	105	60	0.00	0.83	-3.21	21
Buckeye	87	1	105	66	0.00	0.84	-1.80	32
Canyon De Chelly	77	7	102	52	0.00	0.89	-2.40	27
Coolidge	84	0	106	59	0.00	1.57	-1.68	48
Douglas	84	6	103	57	0.00	0.77	-1.50	34
Flagstaff	67	6	89	44	0.00	4.46	-4.62	49
Grand Canyon	64	7	94	33	0.00	3.29	-6.13	35
Kingman	83	5	102	63	0.00	2.70	-1.14	70
Maricopa	91	5	110	67	0.00	0.42	-2.49	14
Paloma	85	-1	107	62	0.00	0.59	-2.24	21
Parker	86	0	109	62	0.00	0.41	-1.67	20
Payson	73	2	93	50	0.00	2.09	-5.98	26
Phoenix	97	7	112	80	0.00	0.36	-2.28	14
Prescott	77	8	97	54	0.00	2.36	-4.12	36
Roll	85	2	112	59	0.00	0.14	-0.81	15
Safford	86	6	106	57	0.00	1.23	-1.14	52
St. Johns	78	8	101	55	0.00	0.42	-2.93	13
Tucson	91	6	108	71	0.00	0.97	-1.86	34
Willcox	83	7	106	53	0.00	1.08	-1.75	38
Winslow	79	6	106	56	0.00	0.65	-1.65	28
Yuma	93	4	115	74	0.00	0.09	-0.86	9
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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