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Field Crops

Thirty percent of cotton has been harvested, 12 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Cotton harvesting is wrapping up along the Colorado River. Nearly all of the cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions were mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and miscellaneous melons, lemons, and spinach last week.

Range and Pasture

Fall conditions are present across most of the State. Windy conditions in the northern part of the State added to dry conditions. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	<i>- Percent -</i>				
Alfalfa	0	3	21	44	32
Range and Pasture	32	17	28	21	2
Cotton	0	4	25	53	18

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	<i>- Percent -</i>			
Cotton				
• Harvested	30	25	39	42

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending October 28, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Payson. The highest temperature of the week was 92 degrees at Coolidge. The lowest reading was 17 degrees at the Grand Canyon. No precipitation was

recorded at any of the weather stations. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
October 22, 2012 - October 28, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	64	1	86	42	0.00	3.83	-4.16	48
Buckeye	68	0	88	46	0.00	3.23	-2.73	54
Canyon De Chelly	49	-1	71	19	0.00	3.88	-4.11	49
Coolidge	65	-2	92	36	0.00	5.40	-0.50	92
Douglas	63	5	85	40	0.00	7.28	-4.45	62
Flagstaff	45	2	62	21	0.00	11.79	-6.54	64
Grand Canyon	44	4	67	17	0.00	8.20	-8.36	50
Kingman	58	-2	79	37	0.00	7.19	-0.79	90
Maricopa	68	3	88	44	0.00	5.33	-0.28	95
Paloma	66	-2	90	42	0.00	4.83	-0.07	99
Parker	66	-3	87	42	0.00	2.42	-0.71	77
Payson	59	7	77	40	0.00	10.51	-7.34	59
Phoenix	74	5	91	59	0.00	3.36	-2.60	56
Prescott	55	4	73	33	0.00	8.91	-7.47	54
Roll	67	-2	91	41	0.00	2.34	-0.13	95
Safford	63	3	86	36	0.00	8.01	-0.11	99
St. Johns	52	2	77	23	0.00	6.64	-3.26	67
Tucson	70	4	87	47	0.00	6.70	-3.52	66
Willcox	60	3	86	32	0.00	8.29	-2.67	76
Winslow	52	1	77	24	0.00	4.84	-1.93	71
Yuma	75	3	88	58	0.00	2.41	-0.06	98
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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