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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting was complete on 55 percent of the acreage, 9 percentage points behind the 5-year average and 4 points behind last year. Cotton harvesting is virtually complete along the Colorado River. Nearly the entire cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions were also mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on nearly two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale greens, miscellaneous herbs, lemons, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, cantaloupes, honeydews, lemons, Boston lettuce, iceberg lettuce, red leaf, romaine and green leaf lettuce, spinach and miscellaneous herbs last week.

Range and Pasture

The lack of precipitation has resulted in dryer conditions. Surface and soil moisture continue to decline. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	5	27	48	20
Range and Pasture	37	18	29	15	1
Cotton	0	2	25	61	12

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	55	50	59	64

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending November 18, ranging from 4 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly and Parker to 3 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 87 degrees at Coolidge. The lowest reading was 4 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded at 2 of the

weather stations. The lesser precipitation was recorded in Douglas with 0.02 inches and 0.14 inches was recorded in Willcox. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 12, 2012 - November 18, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	2	78	33	0.00	3.83	-4.40	47
Buckeye	58	-3	80	34	0.00	3.24	-3.14	51
Canyon De Chelly	38	-4	64	13	0.00	3.95	-4.67	46
Coolidge	57	1	87	28	0.00	5.47	-0.81	87
Douglas	53	2	75	24	0.02	7.30	-4.85	60
Flagstaff	36	0	57	15	0.00	12.79	-6.84	65
Grand Canyon	36	3	61	4	0.00	8.22	-9.41	47
Kingman	50	-2	71	23	0.00	7.19	-1.33	84
Maricopa	58	2	82	34	0.00	5.42	-0.49	92
Paloma	58	-2	83	33	0.00	4.83	-0.22	96
Parker	56	-4	78	32	0.00	2.42	-0.71	77
Payson	47	1	68	20	0.00	11.10	-8.01	58
Phoenix	64	3	82	45	0.00	3.41	-2.97	53
Prescott	46	3	67	21	0.00	9.03	-8.34	52
Roll	58	-3	83	31	0.00	2.34	-0.26	90
Safford	51	-2	73	27	0.00	8.17	-0.33	96
St. Johns	41	-3	68	14	0.00	6.73	-3.68	65
Tucson	61	3	83	35	0.00	6.73	-3.91	63
Willcox	51	2	77	26	0.14	8.56	-2.83	75
Winslow	42	-3	71	17	0.00	5.11	-2.06	71
Yuma	65	2	82	49	0.00	2.41	-0.19	93
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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