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Field Crops

Eighty percent of the cotton harvest was complete by the end of last week, 6 percentage points ahead of last year but equal to the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on nearly three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep have been placed on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat and barley planting is well underway.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Last week western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cauliflower, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, parsley, spinach and miscellaneous herbs and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and Romaine. Also shipped were lemons.

Range and Pasture

Warm and dry weather continued to dry out pastures and stock tanks. Forage has been described as tinder dry. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to good, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	7	25	45	23
Range and Pasture	39	20	26	13	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	80	73	74	80

Weather Summary

Temperatures were well above normal across the State for the week ending December 9, ranging from 6 degrees above normal at Coolidge to 13 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading

was 9 degrees at the Grand Canyon. No precipitation was recorded last week. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Fourteen of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 3, 2012 - December 9, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	8	78	32	0.00	3.83	-4.82	44
Buckeye	59	7	80	34	0.00	3.24	-3.72	47
Canyon De Chelly	43	10	64	24	0.00	3.95	-5.25	43
Coolidge	56	6	82	29	0.00	5.47	-1.26	81
Douglas	54	9	78	33	0.00	7.32	-5.35	58
Flagstaff	41	11	62	21	0.00	12.79	-8.39	60
Grand Canyon	38	10	61	9	0.00	8.22	-10.67	44
Kingman	54	10	73	33	0.00	7.19	-1.96	79
Maricopa	58	8	80	35	0.00	5.42	-0.91	86
Paloma	59	7	80	33	0.00	4.83	-0.55	90
Parker	59	7	80	32	0.00	2.42	-0.85	74
Payson	46	7	70	25	0.00	11.10	-9.42	54
Phoenix	65	11	82	49	0.00	3.41	-3.55	49
Prescott	49	12	70	30	0.00	9.03	-9.55	49
Roll	60	8	80	33	0.00	2.34	-0.47	83
Safford	53	8	74	29	0.00	8.17	-0.85	91
St. Johns	45	10	70	25	0.00	6.73	-4.10	62
Tucson	62	10	81	45	0.00	6.73	-4.50	60
Willcox	52	8	75	28	0.00	8.56	-3.44	71
Winslow	47	13	72	25	0.00	5.11	-2.47	67
Yuma	68	11	83	49	0.00	2.41	-0.40	86
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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