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Field Crops

Ninety percent of the cotton harvest was complete by the end of last week, 3 percentage points ahead of last year and 1 percentage point behind the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on about half of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep have been placed on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat planting is just over a third complete. Barley planting is approaching the half way complete mark.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro, kale, and parsley last week.

Last week western Arizona growers shipped arugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee and kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and Romaine. Lemons were also shipped in Arizona.

Range and Pasture

The State continues to receive much needed moisture. Recent precipitation has improved soil moisture, but the drought effects continue to be severe. Rangeland conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	5	27	45	23
Range and Pasture	46	18	23	11	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	90	85	87	91

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 23, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 3 degrees above normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 72 degrees at Coolidge. The lowest reading was 4 degrees below normal at the

Grand Canyon. All but one weather station recorded precipitation last week. Douglas did not receive any precipitation and Payson received the most at .48 inches. Thirteen of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 17, 2012 - December 23, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-3	65	26	0.05	4.65	-4.35	52
Buckeye	48	-3	67	29	0.08	3.84	-3.61	52
Canyon De Chelly	26	-5	47	8	0.13	4.24	-5.26	45
Coolidge	49	-1	72	27	0.13	6.30	-0.85	88
Douglas	45	0	68	19	0.00	7.63	-5.57	58
Flagstaff	25	-4	45	-2	0.36	14.59	-7.71	65
Grand Canyon	25	-2	44	-4	0.03	8.40	-11.37	42
Kingman	40	-3	57	22	0.31	7.92	-1.67	83
Maricopa	50	1	71	30	0.05	6.02	-0.64	90
Paloma	49	-3	67	30	0.07	5.30	-0.40	93
Parker	47	-4	66	27	0.12	3.54	0.13	104
Payson	38	-2	56	17	0.48	14.75	-6.84	68
Phoenix	55	3	71	41	0.08	4.27	-3.18	57
Prescott	36	0	56	16	0.28	10.00	-9.28	52
Roll	49	-3	68	28	0.17	2.72	-0.34	89
Safford	42	-2	62	23	0.05	8.76	-0.71	93
St. Johns	32	-2	54	11	0.06	7.11	-4.13	63
Tucson	52	1	71	31	0.29	7.66	-4.11	65
Willcox	41	-2	63	21	0.04	9.16	-3.48	72
Winslow	32	1	51	13	0.11	5.62	-2.28	71
Yuma	56	-1	68	42	0.02	3.01	-0.05	98

1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.

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