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Field Crops

Cotton planting continues throughout the State and is 90 percent complete, ahead of last year at 88 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 79 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions remained in excellent to fair condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State. The State's durum wheat condition was mostly good to fair and last week's barley ranged from excellent to fair condition, depending on location.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped dry onions and potatoes last week. Western Arizona growers shipped cabbage, and seedless watermelons.

Range and Pasture

Windy and hot days around the State are drying out the moisture needed to sustain rangeland and pastures in the coming months. Pasture areas are in mostly very poor to fair condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	2	16	46	36
Range and Pasture	34	27	28	11	0

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	90	85	88	79

Weather Summary

Temperatures were below normal across the State for the week ending May 12, 2013, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Parker and Roll to 3 degrees above normal at several locations. The highest temperature of the week was 106 degrees recorded in Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 25 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Seven of

the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Tucson received the least precipitation at 0.01 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 0.23 inches. Twelve of the 22 stations have received more than 50 percent of normal precipitation.

Alert! The window to respond to the Census of Agriculture is almost closed!

There are only a few weeks left to complete and return the 2012 Census of Agriculture. Because time is running out, NASS may contact you or farmers in your area by phone or in person to collect information for the Census. **Help ensure you and your industry have the most complete set of agricultural statistics available for your country and county.** For more information or for help filling out your Census form, visit www.agcensus.usda.gov or call (888) 424-7828.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
May 6, 2013 - May 12, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	68	-2	94	44	0.00	1.74	-2.19	44
Buckeye	73	-3	95	53	0.00	1.98	-0.53	79
Bullhead City	76	-3	106	51	0.00	0.77	-2.28	25
Canyon De Chelly	54	-4	80	29	0.00	1.73	-1.09	61
Coolidge	71	-3	97	52	0.00	2.82	-0.34	89
Douglas	66	1	84	48	0.00	1.08	-0.90	55
Flagstaff	46	-2	67	27	0.23	5.23	-3.31	61
Grand Canyon	47	3	70	25	0.13	0.81	-7.72	9
Kingman	64	0	89	45	0.00	1.18	-2.41	33
Maricopa	74	-1	97	57	0.00	2.05	-0.77	73
Paloma	73	-3	99	53	0.00	1.36	-1.39	49
Parker	72	-5	102	48	0.00	0.71	-1.37	34
Payson	57	-1	80	37	0.00	7.28	-0.33	96
Phoenix	79	3	96	66	0.00	2.61	0.10	104
Prescott	57	2	79	36	0.03	2.51	-3.43	42
Roll	71	-5	99	48	0.00	0.42	-0.54	44
Safford	69	2	89	51	0.04	0.62	-1.56	28
St. Johns	55	-4	74	35	0.10	1.55	-1.24	56
Tucson	73	3	90	58	0.01	1.75	-0.96	65
Willcox	65	3	85	47	0.02	0.84	-1.77	32
Winslow	58	-2	78	38	0.00	1.80	-0.10	95
Yuma	77	0	102	61	0.00	1.11	0.15	116

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

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