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Field Crops

Cotton planting continues throughout the State and is 99 percent complete, ahead of last year at 98 percent and ahead of the 5-year average of 93 percent. Arizona's alfalfa conditions are 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 cantaloupes, honeydews and seedless watermelons.

Range and Pasture

Heavy winds 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	17	42	39
Range and Pasture	37	29	23	10	1

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	99	97	98	93
• Squaring	2	0	20	7

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending May 26, 2013, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Parker to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 103 degrees recorded in Phoenix and

Yuma. The lowest reading was 22 degrees at the Grand Canyon. None of the 22 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Twelve of the 22 stations have received more than 50 percent of normal precipitation.

**Special Note
NASS Survey Update!**

In the first two weeks of June, NASS will interview producers and survey tracts of farm land across the United States to gather information that will set the foundation for estimates during the upcoming forecast season. Additionally, we will ask hog producers about their inventories and farrowing intentions for the next six months. The information will help producers, suppliers, traders, buyers, and others make informed business decisions. The results will be available beginning June 28 in the *Acreage* and other reports. **Farmers should watch for their surveys and be sure to respond. Your information matters!**

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
May 20, 2013 - May 26, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	74	0	94	53	0.00	1.74	-2.19	44
Buckeye	77	-4	100	53	0.00	1.98	-0.59	77
Bullhead City	83	-1	102	60	0.00	0.77	-2.35	25
Canyon De Chelly	61	-2	86	31	0.00	1.89	-1.17	62
Coolidge	76	-2	100	51	0.00	2.82	-0.42	87
Douglas	73	4	94	49	0.00	1.08	-0.98	52
Flagstaff	53	0	74	30	0.00	5.23	-3.60	59
Grand Canyon	52	4	78	22	0.00	0.81	-8.14	9
Kingman	71	3	90	52	0.00	1.18	-2.52	32
Maricopa	81	2	102	58	0.00	2.05	-0.82	71
Paloma	75	-5	100	53	0.00	1.36	-1.48	48
Parker	74	-6	95	53	0.00	0.71	-1.37	34
Payson	60	-2	81	40	0.00	7.28	-0.57	93
Phoenix	85	5	103	71	0.00	2.61	0.04	102
Prescott	64	5	82	45	0.00	2.51	-3.69	40
Roll	76	-4	101	53	0.00	0.42	-0.54	44
Safford	74	3	97	52	0.00	0.62	-1.62	28
St. Johns	65	3	88	39	0.00	1.55	-1.38	53
Tucson	81	5	99	62	0.00	1.75	-1.02	63
Willcox	71	4	94	46	0.00	0.84	-1.87	31
Winslow	65	1	89	41	0.00	1.80	-0.24	88
Yuma	83	3	103	65	0.00	1.11	0.15	116

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

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