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## Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 55 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year, but 5 percentage points behind the five-year average. The cotton crop condition continues to be rated mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Arizona’s alfalfa condition was rated in fair to excellent condition. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Western Arizona growers shipped Bok Choy, cantaloupes, honeydews, kale, mixed melons, spinach, and various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce last week.

## Range and Pasture

Another week with dry conditions, continues across the State, with no new forage growth. Range and Pastures were rated in mostly very poor to good condition, depending on location.

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	8	5	21	48	18
Range and Pasture	42	10	20	26	2
Cotton	0	2	28	54	16

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	55	50	54	60

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending November 17, 2013, ranging from 1 degree below normal at Bullhead City to 11 degrees above normal at Phoenix and Tucson. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees recorded at Roll. The lowest reading was 17 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Six of the twenty-two

weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Aguila received the least precipitation at 0.01 inches and Saint John’s received the most at 0.19 inches. Eleven of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 11, 2013 - November 17, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	61	6	87	39	0.01	7.02	-1.16	86
Buckeye	67	7	90	48	0.00	5.42	-0.92	85
Bullhead City	62	-1	85	39	0.00	3.38	-1.71	66
Canyon De Chelly	44	3	66	23	0.00	6.96	-1.59	81
Coolidge	65	8	92	44	0.00	4.95	-1.28	79
Douglas	60	8	82	38	0.00	16.05	3.93	132
Flagstaff	43	7	62	23	0.06	21.41	1.92	110
Grand Canyon	42	8	64	17	0.00	10.67	-6.84	61
Kingman	57	6	78	32	0.00	5.97	-2.48	71
Maricopa	66	9	91	44	0.00	3.99	-1.88	68
Paloma	66	7	87	45	0.00	3.63	-1.41	72
Parker	64	5	89	42	0.00	2.01	-1.12	64
Payson	52	7	77	33	0.02	19.54	0.55	103
Phoenix	73	11	92	55	0.00	5.60	-0.74	88
Prescott	52	9	74	31	0.05	10.76	-6.51	62
Roll	65	5	94	43	0.00	2.28	-0.31	88
Safford	61	8	82	43	0.10	5.66	-2.80	67
St. Johns	48	6	71	25	0.19	7.53	-2.83	73
Tucson	69	11	89	53	0.00	4.77	-5.83	45
Willcox	58	9	82	36	0.00	10.56	-0.79	93
Winslow	49	5	68	26	0.00	6.93	-0.22	97
Yuma	74	10	92	54	0.00	1.86	-0.73	72

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

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