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Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 65 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year, but 1 percentage point behind the five-year average. Arizona’s alfalfa condition was rated in mostly 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 broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, cantaloupes, honeydews, kale, lemons, and parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, mixed melons, parsley, spinach, and various lettuce including Boston, iceberg, romaine, green and red leaf lettuce last week.

Range and Pasture

Rainstorms brought in much needed moisture across the State. 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 | 47 | 19 |
| Range and Pasture | 39 | 11 | 22 | 26 | 2 |

Crop Progress

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | - Percent - | | | |
| Cotton | | | | |
| • Harvested | 65 | 55 | 64 | 66 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending November 24, 2013, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Bullhead City to 6 degrees above normal at St. Johns, Willcox, and Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees recorded at Bullhead City. The lowest reading was 16 degrees at the Grand

Canyon. All of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. St. Johns received the least precipitation at 0.41 inches and Payson received the most at 3.60 inches. Nineteen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| November 18, 2013 - November 24, 2013 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 53 | -1 | 76 | 38 | 2.38 | 9.40 | 1.08 | 113 |
| Buckeye | 59 | 2 | 79 | 46 | 2.23 | 7.65 | 1.17 | 118 |
| Bullhead City | 59 | -2 | 83 | 43 | 0.81 | 4.19 | -1.04 | 80 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 41 | 2 | 57 | 24 | 0.82 | 7.78 | -0.98 | 89 |
| Coolidge | 58 | 4 | 80 | 43 | 1.60 | 6.55 | 0.18 | 103 |
| Douglas | 55 | 5 | 77 | 34 | 0.52 | 16.57 | 4.31 | 135 |
| Flagstaff | 37 | 3 | 54 | 23 | 2.07 | 23.48 | 3.50 | 118 |
| Grand Canyon | 37 | 5 | 58 | 16 | 0.75 | 11.42 | -6.51 | 64 |
| Kingman | 49 | 0 | 66 | 33 | 0.71 | 6.68 | -1.98 | 77 |
| Maricopa | 58 | 4 | 80 | 43 | 2.93 | 6.92 | 0.91 | 115 |
| Paloma | 59 | 2 | 82 | 45 | 2.60 | 6.23 | 1.12 | 122 |
| Parker | 57 | -1 | 79 | 40 | 0.78 | 2.79 | -0.35 | 89 |
| Payson | 45 | 2 | 66 | 31 | 3.60 | 23.14 | 3.73 | 119 |
| Phoenix | 64 | 5 | 81 | 51 | 2.42 | 8.02 | 1.54 | 124 |
| Prescott | 46 | 5 | 66 | 31 | 1.55 | 12.31 | -5.33 | 70 |
| Roll | 58 | 1 | 79 | 44 | 1.53 | 3.81 | 1.15 | 143 |
| Safford | 55 | 5 | 78 | 36 | 1.02 | 6.60 | -2.00 | 77 |
| St. Johns | 46 | 6 | 66 | 28 | 0.41 | 7.94 | -2.56 | 76 |
| Tucson | 61 | 5 | 79 | 47 | 2.10 | 6.87 | -3.88 | 64 |
| Willcox | 53 | 6 | 76 | 32 | 0.75 | 11.31 | -0.18 | 98 |
| Winslow | 46 | 6 | 68 | 30 | 2.48 | 9.41 | 2.15 | 130 |
| Yuma | 64 | 2 | 80 | 52 | 1.00 | 2.86 | 0.20 | 108 |

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

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