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Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 65 percent complete, same as last week due to rain which caused cotton harvest to stop. Cotton harvest is 7 percentage points behind last year, and 6 percentage points 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.

cabbage, honeydews, kale, lemons, and parsley last week.

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

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, Bok Choy, cabbage, cauliflower, cilantro, cantaloupes, Chinese

Range and Pasture

Increased moisture for the week across the State was due to a recent storm. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	8	5	23	46	18
Range and Pasture	19	15	27	37	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	65	65	72	71

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending December 1, 2013, ranging from 6 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 4 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 75 degrees recorded at Paloma, Phoenix, and Tucson. The lowest reading was 15 degrees at the Flagstaff. Eight

of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Aguila, Phoenix, and St. Johns received the least precipitation at 0.01 inches and Prescott received the most at 0.10 inches. Seventeen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
November 25, 2013 - December 1, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	52	0	69	34	0.01	9.41	0.95	111
Buckeye	55	0	71	40	0.00	7.65	0.96	114
Bullhead City	54	-5	71	37	0.00	4.19	-1.14	79
Canyon De Chelly	32	-6	43	23	0.00	8.01	-0.91	90
Coolidge	55	3	74	37	0.00	6.55	0.04	101
Douglas	46	-3	69	23	0.00	16.57	4.16	134
Flagstaff	32	-2	49	15	0.09	23.57	3.10	115
Grand Canyon	34	4	51	17	0.00	11.42	-6.93	62
Kingman	47	0	63	31	0.00	6.68	-2.19	75
Maricopa	55	3	73	38	0.00	6.92	0.77	113
Paloma	55	0	75	39	0.00	6.23	1.02	120
Parker	55	0	73	37	0.00	2.79	-0.41	87
Payson	44	2	61	26	0.00	23.14	3.25	116
Phoenix	60	3	75	46	0.01	8.03	1.34	120
Prescott	42	3	58	27	0.10	12.41	-5.65	69
Roll	55	0	73	39	0.01	3.82	1.09	140
Safford	47	-2	67	29	0.02	6.71	-2.04	77
St. Johns	36	-3	57	21	0.01	7.95	-2.69	75
Tucson	57	3	75	40	0.00	6.87	-4.09	63
Willcox	45	-2	69	25	0.00	11.31	-0.35	97
Winslow	36	-4	49	23	0.06	9.47	2.07	128
Yuma	62	2	74	49	0.00	2.86	0.13	105

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

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