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Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 83 percent complete, 4 percentage points ahead of last year, and 6 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Arizona's alfalfa condition was rated in fair to excellent condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Western Arizona growers shipped anise, arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, 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, cilantro, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, honeydews, kale, lemons, and parsley last week.

Range and Pasture

Rain brought needed moisture for the week across the State along with cold temperatures. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	16	9	22	35	18
Range and Pasture	27	15	30	26	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	83	65	79	77

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 8, 2013, ranging from 8 degrees below normal at Kingman to 2 degrees above normal at Willcox. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees recorded at Maricopa and Yuma. The lowest reading was minus 10 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Thirteen of the

twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Bullhead City, Kingman, and Winslow received the least precipitation at 0.04 inches and Flagstaff received the most at 0.65 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								
December 2, 2013 - December 8, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	43	-7	69	22	0.00	9.41	0.81	109
Buckeye	48	-6	72	29	0.00	7.65	0.75	111
Bullhead City	49	-7	75	24	0.04	4.23	-1.17	78
Canyon De Chelly	31	-4	56	13	0.15	8.16	-0.97	89
Coolidge	49	-3	74	25	0.00	6.55	-0.11	98
Douglas	47	0	72	20	0.10	16.67	4.05	132
Flagstaff	27	-5	60	3	0.65	24.22	3.20	115
Grand Canyon	25	-5	58	-10	0.05	11.47	-7.30	61
Kingman	38	-8	67	13	0.04	6.72	-2.36	74
Maricopa	50	-2	77	26	0.00	6.92	0.63	110
Paloma	49	-4	76	27	0.00	6.23	0.88	116
Parker	48	-6	73	23	0.00	2.79	-0.46	86
Payson	36	-5	60	14	0.27	23.41	3.03	115
Phoenix	55	-2	74	36	0.00	8.03	1.13	116
Prescott	37	-3	66	13	0.13	12.54	-5.94	68
Roll	50	-4	76	30	0.00	3.82	1.02	136
Safford	45	-1	71	24	0.12	6.83	-2.13	76
St. Johns	36	0	62	12	0.12	8.07	-2.71	75
Tucson	53	0	75	33	0.43	7.30	-3.87	65
Willcox	45	2	74	22	0.15	11.46	-0.46	96
Winslow	35	-2	63	15	0.04	9.51	1.97	126
Yuma	58	0	77	42	0.00	2.86	0.06	102

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

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