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## Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 85 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year, and the same as 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

Recent storms brought additional 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	15	11	23	33	18
Range and Pasture	27	13	31	27	2

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	85	83	84	85

### Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 15, 2013, ranging from 15 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to normal at Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 74 degrees recorded at Phoenix and Tucson. The lowest reading was minus 23 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Seven of the

twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Payson and Winslow received the least precipitation at 0.01 inches and Canyon De Chelly received the most at 0.16 inches. Sixteen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 9, 2013 - December 15, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	46	-2	70	26	0.00	9.41	0.67	108
Buckeye	50	-3	69	29	0.00	7.65	0.51	107
Bullhead City	46	-9	67	22	0.00	4.23	-1.29	77
Canyon De Chelly	18	-15	36	-4	0.16	8.32	-0.99	89
Coolidge	48	-3	71	26	0.00	6.55	-0.32	95
Douglas	43	-3	67	19	0.15	16.82	3.97	131
Flagstaff	19	-12	45	-10	0.00	24.22	2.64	112
Grand Canyon	20	-8	44	-23	0.00	11.47	-7.72	60
Kingman	35	-10	56	17	0.00	6.72	-2.57	72
Maricopa	49	-1	69	29	0.00	6.92	0.49	108
Paloma	48	-4	69	27	0.00	6.23	0.74	113
Parker	47	-6	69	20	0.08	2.87	-0.45	86
Payson	38	-2	64	15	0.01	23.42	2.52	112
Phoenix	54	0	74	36	0.00	8.03	0.89	112
Prescott	33	-4	56	11	0.00	12.54	-6.29	67
Roll	49	-3	73	29	0.00	3.82	0.93	132
Safford	42	-3	62	20	0.08	6.85	-2.32	75
St. Johns	27	-8	51	5	0.00	8.07	-2.89	74
Tucson	51	-2	74	31	0.00	7.30	-4.11	64
Willcox	41	-2	64	21	0.07	11.53	-0.67	95
Winslow	27	-8	50	8	0.01	9.52	1.81	123
Yuma	55	-2	70	39	0.00	2.86	-0.03	99

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

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