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## Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 91 percent complete, 2 percentage points ahead of last year, and 1 percentage point ahead of the five-year average. Arizona’s alfalfa condition was rated mostly 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

Despite recent scattered storms, range and pasture conditions continued to decline. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	18	8	23	33	18
Range and Pasture	29	10	31	28	2

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	91	85	89	90

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending December 22, 2013, ranging from 8 degrees above normal at the Grand Canyon to 2 degrees above normal at Bullhead City. The highest temperature of the week was 83 degrees recorded at Tucson. The lowest reading was 8 degrees at Flagstaff. Sixteen of the twenty-two

weather stations recorded precipitation last week. St. Johns received the least precipitation at 0.03 inches and Payson received the most at 1.07 inches. Fifteen of the 22 stations have received more than 75 percent of normal precipitation to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 16, 2013 - December 22, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	51	5	80	32	0.45	9.86	0.93	110
Buckeye	53	3	81	34	0.19	7.84	0.45	106
Bullhead City	54	2	71	36	0.00	4.23	-1.43	75
Canyon De Chelly	34	5	50	18	0.00	8.32	-1.13	88
Coolidge	54	5	80	34	0.35	6.90	-0.18	97
Douglas	47	2	74	23	0.05	16.87	3.74	128
Flagstaff	33	5	52	8	0.70	24.92	2.78	113
Grand Canyon	35	8	61	10	0.00	11.47	-8.16	58
Kingman	45	4	67	25	0.00	6.72	-2.80	71
Maricopa	54	5	75	34	0.78	7.70	1.10	117
Paloma	54	3	76	33	0.09	6.32	0.65	111
Parker	53	4	74	29	0.00	2.87	-0.52	85
Payson	43	5	70	23	1.07	24.49	3.04	114
Phoenix	59	7	82	42	0.39	8.42	1.03	114
Prescott	42	7	65	23	0.18	12.72	-6.46	66
Roll	53	3	77	32	0.92	4.74	1.71	156
Safford	46	3	70	25	0.28	7.06	-2.35	75
St. Johns	37	5	58	16	0.03	8.10	-3.07	73
Tucson	57	6	83	38	0.40	7.70	-3.99	66
Willcox	46	4	73	27	0.33	11.86	-0.69	95
Winslow	37	5	59	18	0.00	9.52	1.66	121
Yuma	61	6	79	44	0.07	2.93	-0.10	97

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

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