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Field Crops

Cotton harvest was 95 percent complete, 1 percentage point ahead of last year, and 2 percentage points ahead of the five-year average. Arizona’s alfalfa condition was rated very poor to mostly good condition, depending on location. Harvesting occurred on over three-quarters of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, Bok Choy, green and red cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, 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, Chinese cabbage, kale and lemons last week.

Range and Pasture

Recent storms improved moisture levels throughout the State. Warm temperatures will promote winter forage growth in the coming weeks. Range and Pastures were rated in very poor to good condition, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	20	9	20	33	18
Range and Pasture	29	11	32	28	0

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	95	91	94	93

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending December 29, 2013, ranging from 5 degrees below normal at Douglas to 5 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 76 degrees recorded at Yuma. The lowest reading was 8 degrees at the Grand Canyon. None of the twenty-two weather stations recorded precipitation last week. 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 23, 2013 - December 29, 2013								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	50	4	70	32	0.00	9.86	0.72	108
Buckeye	52	2	73	33	0.00	7.84	0.24	103
Bullhead City	56	3	72	31	0.00	4.23	-1.57	73
Canyon De Chelly	30	1	52	12	0.00	8.32	-1.27	87
Coolidge	50	2	71	29	0.00	6.90	-0.39	95
Douglas	40	-5	61	17	0.00	16.87	3.51	126
Flagstaff	33	5	57	11	0.00	24.92	2.26	110
Grand Canyon	31	5	55	8	0.00	11.47	-8.65	57
Kingman	45	3	63	26	0.00	6.72	-3.01	69
Maricopa	50	2	69	32	0.00	7.70	0.93	114
Paloma	51	0	70	31	0.00	6.32	0.51	109
Parker	52	2	75	28	0.00	2.87	-0.64	82
Payson	41	4	60	20	0.00	24.49	2.55	112
Phoenix	57	5	74	42	0.00	8.42	0.82	111
Prescott	39	5	60	20	0.00	12.72	-6.81	65
Roll	52	2	74	31	0.00	4.74	1.59	150
Safford	43	0	60	27	0.00	7.06	-2.56	73
St. Johns	32	-1	54	10	0.00	8.10	-3.25	71
Tucson	53	3	70	33	0.00	7.70	-4.24	64
Willcox	42	-1	61	20	0.00	11.86	-0.98	92
Winslow	33	3	51	14	0.00	9.52	1.52	119
Yuma	60	5	76	45	0.00	2.93	-0.22	93

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

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