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Field Crops

Cotton harvested is 86 percent complete across the State, two percentage points below last year but the same as the 5-year average. Small grain plantings have begun in the western part of the State. Alfalfa harvest is active on slightly under half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair to good. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from very poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, greens, honeydews, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, parsley, radicchio, rappini, spinach and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	14	27	47	12
Range and Pasture	11	19	39	25	6

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	86	80	88	86

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending December 9. Temperatures ranged from 2 degrees above normal at Kingman, Paloma and Parker to 9 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Douglas, Marana and Tucson, and the lowest reading occurred in Flagstaff and Grand Canyon at 7 degrees.

Precipitation was reported at 20 of the 22 reporting stations. Flagstaff received the most at 1.82 inches of precipitation and Douglas, Paloma and Winslow received the least with 0.01 inches. Two stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 December 3 - December 9, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	51	3	72	32	0.12	5.96	-2.66	69
Buckeye	56	3	75	41	0.04	4.35	-2.58	63
Canyon De Chelly	37	4	51	21	0.46	7.83	-1.33	85
Coolidge	54	4	75	35	0.59	5.65	-1.04	84
Douglas	54	8	78	27	0.01	12.31	-0.34	97
Flagstaff	37	7	64	7	1.82	16.31	-4.79	77
Grand Canyon	37	9	66	7	0.31	12.84	-5.99	68
Kingman	46	2	66	31	0.37	3.99	-5.12	44
Marana	57	6	78	39	0.86	8.89	-0.62	93
Maricopa	55	5	73	38	0.63	5.75	-0.56	91
Paloma	54	2	73	36	0.01	3.76	-1.61	70
Parker	54	2	73	37	0.00	1.60	-1.66	49
Payson	46	6	72	27	1.16	16.69	-3.76	82
Phoenix	60	5	75	47	1.01	5.02	-1.91	72
Prescott	45	8	69	22	0.66	8.11	-10.42	44
Roll	56	4	77	36	0.08	2.06	-0.75	73
Safford	52	6	73	32	0.07	10.39	1.40	116
St. Johns	44	8	61	22	0.32	9.73	-1.07	90
Tucson	59	6	78	39	0.33	9.40	-1.80	84
Willcox	51	7	77	31	0.12	13.40	1.44	112
Winslow	41	6	63	22	0.01	5.75	-1.81	76
Yuma	60	3	74	47	0.00	2.69	-0.12	96

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

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