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**Field Crops**

Cotton harvesting is 75 percent complete across the State, 9 percentage points below the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on approximately a third of the State's acreage. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa acres of the State. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair. Range and pasture conditions across the State vary from mostly poor to good.

**Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops**

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, celery, greens, honeydews, miscellaneous herbs, mustard, parsley, spinach, and various citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, honeydews, kale, various lettuce varieties, miscellaneous melons, herbs, Asian vegetables, parsley, radicchio, spinach, and various citrus.

**Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	62	23	11
Range and Pasture	8	23	31	26	12

**Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	75	70	84	84

**Weather Summary**

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending December 7, ranging from 4 degrees above normal to 8 degrees above normal. The highest temperature of the week was 81 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading of 15 degrees occurred at

Flagstaff and Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 2 of the 22 stations. Aguila received 0.02 inches of precipitation and Canyon De Chelly received 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 December 1 - December 7, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	56	7	78	37	0.02	6.86	-1.75	80
Buckeye	57	5	79	39	0.00	5.17	-1.73	75
Canyon De Chelly	39	5	63	17	0.01	8.55	-0.59	94
Coolidge	54	4	80	32	0.00	4.85	-1.82	73
Douglas	51	5	76	29	0.00	9.96	-2.65	79
Flagstaff	39	8	66	15	0.00	14.83	-6.19	71
Grand Canyon	36	8	62	15	0.00	11.77	-7.00	63
Kingman	50	6	73	30	0.00	4.97	-4.12	55
Marana	58	7	81	40	0.00	5.86	-3.61	62
Maricopa	55	4	77	33	0.00	5.96	-0.33	95
Paloma	57	5	79	35	0.00	4.56	-0.78	85
Parker	58	5	77	37	0.00	3.32	0.07	102
Payson	45	5	66	26	0.00	16.07	-4.31	79
Phoenix	62	7	78	47	0.00	8.46	1.56	123
Prescott	45	8	67	24	0.00	10.89	-7.59	59
Roll	58	6	79	36	0.00	2.86	0.07	103
Safford	50	5	73	26	0.00	8.52	-0.44	95
St. Johns	40	4	69	17	0.00	6.79	-4.00	63
Tucson	58	5	80	42	0.00	7.56	-3.61	68
Willcox	49	5	75	25	0.00	9.10	-2.82	76
Winslow	42	7	70	20	0.00	4.21	-3.33	56
Yuma	66	8	80	54	0.00	4.23	1.44	152

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

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