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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 80 percent complete across the State, 8 percentage points below the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on approximately a third of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition remains mostly fair. Sheeping off is continuing in western and central alfalfa acres of the State. Small grain planting is underway across the State.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes and various citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cantaloupes, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, kale, various lettuce varieties, miscellaneous melons, herbs, parsley, spinach, and various citrus.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were above normal across the State for the week ending December 14, ranging from 1 degree above normal at Kingman and Parker to 7 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 78 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading of 0 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 14 of the 22 stations. Payson received the most at 0.41 inches of precipitation and Tucson received the least with 0.01 inches. Phoenix and Yuma are the only stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

The State's rangeland and pastures received some much needed precipitation near the end of November. With the mostly above normal temperatures throughout the month, range conditions remained fair to good on average. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies remained mostly short to adequate but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In Arizona's Northern region, rangeland and pasture condition varied from poor to good. High and mid elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Low elevation conditions were poor to fair. Cattle and calves continued in fair to good condition. Stock water supplies were mostly adequate. Soil moisture remained short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair to good. High elevation conditions were fair. Mid and low elevation conditions were fair to good, depending on location. Cattle and calves were in mostly fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly adequate, but soil moisture was short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions varied from poor to excellent, depending on elevation. High elevation pastures were mostly good. Mid and low elevation rangeland varied from poor to excellent condition. Cattle and calves were in mostly good condition. Stock water supplies and soil moisture were mostly short to adequate. Insect damage was light to moderate.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 December 8 - December 14, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	49	2	72	33	0.04	6.90	-1.85	79
Buckeye	53	2	74	37	0.00	5.17	-1.97	72
Canyon De Chelly	35	4	53	18	0.21	8.76	-0.56	94
Coolidge	53	4	74	35	0.08	4.93	-1.95	72
Douglas	51	6	68	25	0.00	9.96	-2.88	78
Flagstaff	35	6	60	16	0.14	14.97	-6.61	69
Grand Canyon	32	6	59	0	0.12	11.89	-7.30	62
Kingman	44	1	62	22	0.20	5.17	-4.13	56
Marana	54	4	78	33	0.30	6.16	-3.59	63
Maricopa	53	4	74	34	0.00	5.96	-0.47	93
Paloma	52	2	73	31	0.00	4.56	-0.92	83
Parker	52	1	70	33	0.00	3.32	0.00	100
Payson	41	3	62	24	0.41	16.48	-4.42	79
Phoenix	58	5	74	45	0.00	8.46	1.32	118
Prescott	42	6	66	23	0.10	10.99	-7.84	58
Roll	53	2	76	32	0.00	2.86	-0.02	99
Safford	47	3	68	31	0.32	8.84	-0.33	96
St. Johns	38	5	59	18	0.05	6.84	-4.13	62
Tucson	57	6	76	40	0.01	7.57	-3.84	66
Willcox	46	4	66	27	0.33	9.43	-2.77	77
Winslow	39	7	57	18	0.07	4.28	-3.43	56
Yuma	60	4	73	46	0.00	4.23	1.35	147

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

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