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## Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 85 percent complete across the State, 8 percentage points below the five year average. Alfalfa harvest is active on over half 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 on-going across the State. Range and pasture conditions vary from mostly poor to good.

## Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

### Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	5	19	40	26	10
Range and Pasture	5	25	31	27	12

### Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton • Harvested	85	80	92	93

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 21, ranging from 7 degrees below normal at Grand Canyon and Kingman to 6 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 71 degrees at Marana, and the lowest reading of -9 degrees occurred

at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at all 22 stations. Payson received the most at 2.58 inches of precipitation and Marana received the least with 0.03 inches. There are the 5 stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data  
 December 15 - December 21, 2008**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	45	-3	61	30	0.80	7.70	-1.24	86
Buckeye	50	-2	64	35	1.04	6.21	-1.18	84
Canyon De Chelly	31	2	42	18	0.77	9.53	0.07	101
Coolidge	49	0	68	29	0.32	5.25	-1.84	74
Douglas	49	5	67	23	0.15	10.11	-3.01	77
Flagstaff	26	-3	39	8	2.13	17.10	-5.04	77
Grand Canyon	20	-7	33	-9	0.94	12.83	-6.80	65
Kingman	36	-7	46	24	1.59	6.76	-2.77	71
Marana	51	1	71	33	0.03	6.19	-3.84	62
Maricopa	50	2	67	33	0.64	6.60	0.00	100
Paloma	50	-1	65	32	0.58	5.14	-0.52	91
Parker	48	-4	63	32	0.61	3.93	0.54	116
Payson	36	-3	50	20	2.58	19.06	-2.39	89
Phoenix	52	-1	68	40	0.25	8.71	1.32	118
Prescott	35	-2	49	19	1.35	12.34	-6.84	64
Roll	50	-2	64	32	0.73	3.59	0.57	119
Safford	45	2	65	24	0.04	8.88	-0.53	94
St. Johns	36	4	53	18	0.12	6.96	-4.22	62
Tucson	51	0	70	31	0.09	7.66	-4.03	66
Willcox	44	2	62	21	0.04	9.47	-3.08	75
Winslow	37	6	53	16	0.21	4.49	-3.37	57
Yuma	53	-3	63	44	0.57	4.80	1.78	159

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

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