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Field Crops

Cotton harvesting is 85 percent complete which is slightly behind last year and below the 5-year average of 91 percent complete. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to good. Harvesting remains active in a few areas across the State. Sheep have been brought in to graze and lamb on some alfalfa fields. Planting of small grains continues.

Range and Pasture

Rangeland conditions continue to vary from very poor to good, depending on location. Seasonal temperatures and sporadic precipitation have helped conditions on low and mid elevation pastures. Cool season forages have benefitted from the moisture.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, kale, parsley, and lemons this week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, Chinese cabbage, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, and various lettuces including Boston green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, Romaine. Also shipped this week were parsley, radicchio and spinach.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
			<i>- Percent -</i>		
Alfalfa	-	11	40	35	14
Range and Pasture	33	16	30	18	3

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
			<i>- Percent -</i>	
Cotton				
• Harvested	85	75	90	91

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal for the week ending December 18th, ranging from 3 degrees below normal at Parker to 8 degrees above normal at Douglas. The highest temperature of the week was 70 degrees at Phoenix and Tucson. The lowest reading was 1 degree at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was

recorded in all of the 22 weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in St. Johns with 0.10 inches and the most precipitation was recorded in Payson with 2.29 inches. Kingman, Roll, Tucson and Yuma are the only weather stations that have above normal precipitation for the year.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 12, 2011 - December 18, 2011								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	46	-2	65	33	1.45	5.57	-3.24	63
Buckeye	52	2	69	37	1.19	4.60	-2.66	63
Canyon De Chelly	31	-1	54	20	0.23	6.64	-2.73	71
Coolidge	51	2	69	33	1.35	4.61	-2.35	66
Douglas	52	8	66	35	0.68	6.92	-6.05	53
Flagstaff	28	-2	40	1	1.79	21.11	-0.71	97
Grand Canyon	30	3	45	4	0.28	13.28	-6.09	69
Kingman	43	-1	60	27	0.42	9.40	0.02	100
Marana	52	2	66	34	1.20	5.78	-4.09	59
Maricopa	50	1	66	33	1.20	3.51	-2.98	54
Paloma	51	-1	67	32	0.54	4.84	-0.72	87
Parker	49	-3	68	29	0.19	2.88	-0.47	86
Payson	40	1	56	20	2.29	16.72	-4.42	79
Phoenix	56	3	70	41	0.89	4.62	-2.64	64
Prescott	38	3	53	21	0.81	9.85	-9.13	52
Roll	51	-1	66	33	0.59	4.76	1.81	161
Safford	45	1	61	29	0.74	5.20	-4.08	56
St. Johns	34	1	52	14	0.10	7.75	-3.30	70
Tucson	52	1	70	33	1.34	12.81	1.28	111
Willcox	44	2	62	25	0.98	11.13	-1.22	90
Winslow	36	4	48	20	0.20	6.75	-1.03	87
Yuma	55	-2	67	40	1.13	2.96	0.01	100
1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week.								

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