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## Field Crops

One-third of the cotton crop has been harvested, 18 percentage points behind the 5-year average and 14 points behind last year. Cotton harvesting is virtually complete along the Colorado River. Nearly all of the cotton crop continues to be rated in fair to excellent condition. Alfalfa conditions were also mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on over three-fourths of the alfalfa acreage across the State.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, and miscellaneous melons, lemons, and spinach last week.

## Range and Pasture

Despite favorable temperatures across the State, the lack of precipitation has resulted in the continual decline in pasture conditions. Tank water and soil moisture are also declining rapidly. Rangeland conditions vary widely from very poor to good, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

|                   | Very Poor          | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|--------------------|------|------|------|-----------|
|                   | <i>- Percent -</i> |      |      |      |           |
| Alfalfa           | 0                  | 3    | 23   | 43   | 31        |
| Range and Pasture | 33                 | 17   | 29   | 18   | 3         |
| Cotton            | 0                  | 4    | 24   | 53   | 19        |

### **Crop Progress**

|             | This Week          | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |
|-------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
|             | <i>- Percent -</i> |           |           |               |
| Cotton      |                    |           |           |               |
| • Harvested | 33                 | 30        | 47        | 51            |

### **Weather Summary**

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending November 4, ranging from normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at Prescott. The highest temperature of the week was 93 degrees at Paloma and Yuma. The lowest reading was 21 degrees at the Grand Canyon.

No precipitation was recorded at any of the weather stations. All weather stations are below normal for the year. Twelve of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation so far this year.

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| Temperature and Precipitation Data   |             |         |      |     |               |                |                       |                   |
|--|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| October 29, 2012 - November 4, 2012  |             |         |      |     |               |                |                       |                   |
| Station  | Temperature |         |      |     | Precipitation |                |                       |                   |
|  | Avg.        | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week     | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila   | 66          | 5       | 87   | 44  | 0.00          | 3.83           | -4.24                 | 47                |
| Buckeye  | 68          | 4       | 90   | 46  | 0.00          | 3.23           | -2.87                 | 53                |
| Canyon De Chelly   | 49          | 3       | 72   | 26  | 0.00          | 3.88           | -4.32                 | 47                |
| Coolidge   | 66          | 3       | 91   | 40  | 0.00          | 5.40           | -0.64                 | 89                |
| Douglas  | 62          | 6       | 83   | 41  | 0.00          | 7.28           | -4.59                 | 61                |
| Flagstaff  | 46          | 6       | 69   | 25  | 0.00          | 11.79          | -6.96                 | 63                |
| Grand Canyon   | 45          | 8       | 71   | 21  | 0.00          | 8.20           | -8.71                 | 48                |
| Kingman  | 62          | 6       | 83   | 42  | 0.00          | 7.19           | -0.95                 | 88                |
| Maricopa   | 67          | 5       | 89   | 45  | 0.00          | 5.33           | -0.35                 | 94                |
| Paloma   | 68          | 5       | 93   | 45  | 0.00          | 4.83           | -0.09                 | 98                |
| Parker   | 65          | 0       | 88   | 41  | 0.00          | 2.42           | -0.71                 | 77                |
| Payson   | 54          | 4       | 76   | 31  | 0.00          | 10.51          | -7.76                 | 58                |
| Phoenix  | 75          | 9       | 90   | 61  | 0.00          | 3.36           | -2.74                 | 55                |
| Prescott   | 57          | 10      | 77   | 38  | 0.00          | 8.91           | -7.76                 | 53                |
| Roll   | 68          | 3       | 91   | 43  | 0.00          | 2.34           | -0.18                 | 93                |
| Safford  | 61          | 5       | 85   | 38  | 0.00          | 8.01           | -0.25                 | 97                |
| St. Johns  | 51          | 4       | 75   | 28  | 0.00          | 6.64           | -3.47                 | 66                |
| Tucson   | 71          | 8       | 90   | 53  | 0.00          | 6.70           | -3.66                 | 65                |
| Willcox  | 59          | 6       | 86   | 28  | 0.00          | 8.29           | -2.83                 | 75                |
| Winslow  | 54          | 5       | 79   | 29  | 0.00          | 4.84           | -2.07                 | 70                |
| Yuma   | 75          | 7       | 93   | 59  | 0.00          | 2.41           | -0.11                 | 96                |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. |             |         |      |     |               |                |                       |                   |

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