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Field Crops

Cotton growers have reached the half way mark on harvesting this year's cotton crop, 8 percentage points behind the 5-year average and 4 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

Central Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, cilantro, honeydews, kale, and miscellaneous melons, lemons, parsley last week.

Western Arizona growers shipped arugula, cantaloupes, honeydews, lemons, Boston, iceberg, red leaf, romaine and green leaf lettuce, spinach.

Range and Pasture

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

Crop Condition

| | Very Poor | Poor | Fair | Good | Excellent |
|-------------------|-------------|------|------|------|-----------|
| | - Percent - | | | | |
| Alfalfa | 0 | 8 | 18 | 43 | 31 |
| Range and Pasture | 37 | 17 | 25 | 20 | 1 |
| Cotton | 0 | 1 | 30 | 48 | 21 |

Crop Progress

| | This Week | Last Week | Last Year | 5 – Year Avg. |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|-----------|---------------|
| | - Percent - | | | |
| Cotton | | | | |
| • Harvested | 50 | 33 | 54 | 58 |

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above average across the State for the week ending November 11, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Parker to 9 degrees above normal at Douglas and Phoenix. The highest temperature of the week was 94 degrees at Coolidge. The lowest reading was 3 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Precipitation was recorded at 14 of the

weather stations. The least precipitation was recorded in Buckeye with 0.01 inches and the most was recorded in Flagstaff with 1.00 inch. 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 | | | | | | | | |
|--|-------------|---------|------|-----|---------------|----------------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| November 5, 2012 - November 11, 2012 | | | | | | | | |
| Station | Temperature | | | | Precipitation | | | |
| | Avg. | Dep. 1/ | High | Low | Past Week | Jan. 1 to Date | Departure From Normal | Percent of Normal |
| Aguila | 59 | 2 | 90 | 25 | 0.00 | 3.83 | -4.31 | 47 |
| Buckeye | 62 | 0 | 90 | 33 | 0.01 | 3.24 | -3.00 | 52 |
| Canyon De Chelly | 45 | 1 | 72 | 20 | 0.32 | 4.20 | -4.21 | 50 |
| Coolidge | 61 | 2 | 94 | 26 | 0.07 | 5.47 | -0.71 | 89 |
| Douglas | 62 | 9 | 84 | 34 | 0.00 | 7.28 | -4.73 | 61 |
| Flagstaff | 43 | 5 | 69 | 9 | 1.00 | 12.79 | -6.38 | 67 |
| Grand Canyon | 42 | 7 | 71 | 3 | 0.02 | 8.22 | -9.04 | 48 |
| Kingman | 59 | 6 | 83 | 24 | 0.00 | 7.19 | -1.12 | 87 |
| Maricopa | 63 | 4 | 90 | 33 | 0.09 | 5.42 | -0.35 | 94 |
| Paloma | 63 | 2 | 92 | 33 | 0.00 | 4.83 | -0.15 | 97 |
| Parker | 61 | -2 | 89 | 37 | 0.00 | 2.42 | -0.71 | 77 |
| Payson | 51 | 4 | 78 | 20 | 0.59 | 11.10 | -7.59 | 59 |
| Phoenix | 72 | 9 | 91 | 46 | 0.05 | 3.41 | -2.83 | 55 |
| Prescott | 53 | 8 | 82 | 21 | 0.12 | 9.03 | -7.99 | 53 |
| Roll | 62 | -1 | 91 | 33 | 0.00 | 2.34 | -0.20 | 92 |
| Safford | 60 | 6 | 85 | 29 | 0.16 | 8.17 | -0.22 | 97 |
| St. Johns | 50 | 5 | 76 | 23 | 0.09 | 6.73 | -3.54 | 66 |
| Tucson | 68 | 8 | 90 | 42 | 0.03 | 6.73 | -3.77 | 64 |
| Willcox | 58 | 7 | 87 | 28 | 0.13 | 8.42 | -2.84 | 75 |
| Winslow | 52 | 6 | 78 | 25 | 0.27 | 5.11 | -1.94 | 72 |
| Yuma | 72 | 6 | 93 | 46 | 0.00 | 2.41 | -0.13 | 95 |
| 1/ Departure of temperature for reporting period from average temperature for that week. | | | | | | | | |

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