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## Field Crops

Eighty-five percent of the cotton harvest was complete by the end of last week, 3 percentage points ahead of last year, but 2 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on about half of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep have been placed on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Durum wheat planting is just over a fourth complete. Barley planting is approaching the half way complete mark.

## Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

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

Last week western Arizona growers shipped arugula, broccoli, Bok Choy, cauliflower, cantaloupes, Chinese cabbage, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, honeydews, kale, parsley, spinach and miscellaneous herbs and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and Romaine. Also shipped were lemons.

## Range and Pasture

The State has received much needed moisture. Conditions are exceptionally dry with empty stock tanks and no moisture in the soil. Rangeland conditions vary from very poor to fair, depending on location.

### **Crop Condition**

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	3	27	47	23
Range and Pasture	46	18	23	11	2

### **Crop Progress**

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	85	80	82	87

## Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal across the State for the week ending December 16, ranging from 2 degrees below normal at Buckeye and Payson to 5 degrees above normal at Phoenix, Winslow, and Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 77 degrees at Yuma. The lowest reading was 0 degrees at

the Grand Canyon. All 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Grand Canyon received the least at 0.15 inches and Payson received the most at 3.17 inches. Thirteen of the 21 weather stations have received less than 75 percent of normal precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data								
December 10, 2012 - December 16, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	47	-1	66	32	0.77	4.60	-4.19	52
Buckeye	50	-2	67	33	0.52	3.76	-3.46	52
Canyon De Chelly	32	0	51	7	0.16	4.11	-5.25	44
Coolidge	49	-1	74	23	0.70	6.17	-0.77	89
Douglas	47	3	68	23	0.31	7.63	-5.29	59
Flagstaff	29	0	50	11	1.44	14.23	-7.51	65
Grand Canyon	28	1	48	0	0.15	8.37	-10.94	43
Kingman	45	3	61	25	0.42	7.61	-1.75	81
Maricopa	52	3	72	29	0.55	5.97	-0.50	92
Paloma	51	-1	74	31	0.40	5.23	-0.29	95
Parker	52	1	71	30	1.00	3.42	0.08	102
Payson	37	-2	56	18	3.17	14.27	-6.79	68
Phoenix	58	5	72	43	0.78	4.19	-3.03	58
Prescott	39	3	56	20	0.69	9.72	-9.21	51
Roll	52	2	71	30	0.21	2.55	-0.37	87
Safford	47	3	71	21	0.54	8.71	-0.53	94
St. Johns	35	2	61	8	0.32	7.05	-3.98	64
Tucson	53	2	73	33	0.64	7.37	-4.12	64
Willcox	42	-1	67	17	0.56	9.12	-3.18	74
Winslow	37	5	60	13	0.40	5.51	-2.25	71
Yuma	60	5	77	46	0.58	2.99	0.07	102

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

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