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Field Crops

Ninety-five percent of the cotton harvest was complete by the end of last week, 6 percentage points ahead of last year and 3 percentage points ahead of the 5-year average. Alfalfa conditions remained mostly fair to excellent. Harvesting occurred on just under half of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Sheep continue to graze on various alfalfa fields in many areas. Forty percent of the durum wheat had been planted. Barley planting is just over fifty percent complete.

Arizona Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cilantro and parsley last week.

Last week western Arizona growers shipped arrugula, bok choy, broccoli, cabbage, Chinese cabbage, cauliflower, celery, cilantro, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, parsley, spinach and various lettuces including Boston, iceberg, red leaf, green leaf, and romaine. Various citrus was also shipped in Arizona.

Range and Pasture

The State received much needed moisture. Recent precipitation has slightly improved soil moisture, but the drought effects continue. Rangeland conditions vary from mostly very poor to fair, depending on location.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	14	31	39	15
Range and Pasture	44	17	25	12	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Harvested	95	90	89	93

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending December 30, ranging from 7 degrees below normal at Buckeye to 2 degrees above normal at Winslow. The highest temperature of the week was 71 degrees at Roll and Yuma. The lowest reading was -10 degrees at the Grand Canyon. Eleven

of the 21 weather stations recorded precipitation last week. Aguila, Coolidge and Prescott received the least precipitation at .02 inches and Kingman received the most at .20 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 24, 2012 - December 30, 2012								
Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	42	-6	61	26	0.02	4.67	-4.54	51
Buckeye	45	-7	63	28	0.00	3.84	-3.82	50
Canyon De Chelly	25	-5	44	8	0.15	4.39	-5.25	46
Coolidge	45	-5	65	25	0.02	6.32	-1.04	86
Douglas	44	1	65	19	0.00	7.63	-5.78	57
Flagstaff	23	-6	47	0	0.15	14.74	-8.06	65
Grand Canyon	19	-8	41	-10	0.00	8.40	-11.86	41
Kingman	38	-4	58	24	0.20	8.12	-1.68	83
Maricopa	47	-3	65	27	0.09	6.11	-0.70	90
Paloma	46	-6	65	27	0.00	5.30	-0.54	91
Parker	46	-5	67	29	0.00	3.54	-0.01	100
Payson	34	-5	50	15	0.19	14.94	-7.14	68
Phoenix	53	1	68	39	0.00	4.27	-3.39	56
Prescott	34	-2	53	17	0.02	10.02	-9.61	51
Roll	48	-4	71	27	0.00	2.72	-0.44	86
Safford	41	-3	64	22	0.11	8.87	-0.81	92
St. Johns	31	-2	52	10	0.07	7.18	-4.22	63
Tucson	50	-2	68	32	0.00	7.66	-4.34	64
Willcox	40	-3	63	16	0.00	9.16	-3.76	71
Winslow	32	2	55	12	0.12	5.74	-2.30	71
Yuma	54	-2	71	41	0.00	3.01	-0.15	95

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

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