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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest was active on over half of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Small grain heading has started. Cotton planting continues and ground preparation for various crops remains active. Range and pasture conditions across the State are mostly fair to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week producers in central Arizona shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, greens, parsley, miscellaneous herbs, and various citrus.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, endive, escarole, frisee, greens, kale, mache, miscellaneous Asian vegetables, miscellaneous herbs, green onions, parsley, radicchio, spinach, Swiss chard, and various citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were well above normal in the State for the week ending March 18. Temperatures ranged from 9 degrees above normal at Paloma, Roll, and Yuma to 17 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon, Kingman, and Yuma. Several record high temperatures were set across the State. The highest temperature of the week was 100 degrees at various locations, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 20 degrees. No precipitation was reported at any of the 22 reporting stations. Safford is the only station with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During February, Arizona's rangeland and pastures deteriorated due to windy conditions and the lack of significant moisture. Early February was cold and rainy across most of the State, but during the rest of the month there were above normal temperatures and mostly dry weather. Rangeland conditions were mostly fair. High elevation conditions were mostly fair to good. Mid elevation conditions were poor to good. Low elevation conditions were poor to mostly fair. Arizona cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were mostly short to adequate, but soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was mostly light.

In Arizona's Northern region, grazing condition was mostly fair at all elevations. Winds were drying out the rangeland. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was poor to fair, regardless of elevation. Cattle and calves remained in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate and soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good, depending on location. High and mid elevation pastures were in fair to good condition. Low elevation conditions were mostly poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate. Soil moisture supplies were short. Insect damage was light.

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**Temperature and Precipitation Data
 March 12 - March 18, 2007**

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	70	14	94	43	0.00	0.96	-2.27	30
Buckeye	73	12	100	46	0.00	0.83	-1.06	44
Canyon De Chelly	53	10	78	27	0.00	0.92	-0.88	51
Coolidge	70	11	99	44	0.00	0.64	-1.66	28
Douglas	62	10	88	35	0.00	1.28	-0.24	84
Flagstaff	49	15	73	26	0.00	2.17	-3.52	38
Grand Canyon	47	17	75	20	0.00	1.26	-4.86	21
Kingman	66	17	89	43	0.00	0.39	-2.10	16
Marana	73	14	98	50	0.00	0.47	-2.41	16
Maricopa	72	12	99	45	0.00	0.53	-1.55	25
Paloma	70	9	98	43	0.00	0.19	-1.94	9
Parker	73	12	100	47	0.00	0.04	-1.72	2
Payson	57	13	82	35	0.00	2.04	-3.32	38
Phoenix	77	16	99	59	0.00	0.89	-1.00	47
Prescott	59	17	83	34	0.00	1.04	-3.14	25
Roll	71	9	100	44	0.00	0.01	-0.74	1
Safford	65	13	89	40	0.00	1.95	0.26	115
St. Johns	56	13	84	29	0.00	0.57	-1.21	32
Tucson	71	13	95	50	0.00	0.75	-1.28	37
Willcox	61	11	88	35	0.00	1.23	-0.79	61
Winslow	57	12	84	29	0.00	1.12	-0.21	84
Yuma	72	9	100	48	0.00	0.00	-0.76	0

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

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