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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition ranged from fair to excellent. Small grain heading is complete on just over half the acreage. Cotton planting is 30 percent complete compared to 22 percent a year ago and the 5-year average of 27 percent complete. 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 cabbage and carrots.

Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, endive, escarole, green peas, and spinach. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, red leaf, iceberg, and romaine.

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal in the State for the week ending April 15. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees below normal at Canyon De Chelly to 7 degrees above normal at Grand Canyon. The highest temperature of the week was 90 degrees at Parker, Roll, and Yuma, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 18 degrees. Precipitation was reported at 15 of the 22 reporting stations. Payson received the most at 0.43 inches of precipitation and Buckeye and Winslow received the least with 0.01 inches. There are only four stations with above normal precipitation for the year to date.

Range and Pasture

During March, Arizona's rangeland and pastures were drying out due to windy conditions and the lack of significant moisture. March had some rain across most of the State, but pastures are still in need of moisture. Rangeland conditions were mostly fair to good. Mid and high elevation conditions were mostly fair 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. Rangeland was still dry despite some rains during the month of March. Cattle and calves were in fair condition. Stock water and soil moisture were short to adequate. Insect damage was light.

The Central region's rangeland and pasture condition was mostly fair. High and low elevation pastures were mostly fair, but mid elevation pastures were poor to fair. Cattle and calves were in poor to fair condition. Stock water supplies were short to adequate and soil moisture was mostly short. Insect damage was light to moderate.

In the South, rangeland and pasture conditions ranged from poor to good, depending on location. High elevation conditions were fair to mostly good. Mid elevation pastures were in poor 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
April 9 - April 15, 2007

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	62	0	82	44	0.00	1.52	-2.16	41
Buckeye	65	0	85	44	0.01	1.50	-0.92	62
Canyon De Chelly	48	-3	68	26	0.11	1.72	-0.62	74
Coolidge	64	-2	85	43	0.08	1.31	-1.58	45
Douglas	59	0	81	32	0.02	2.36	0.60	134
Flagstaff	43	2	62	20	0.25	2.92	-4.62	39
Grand Canyon	44	7	66	18	0.17	2.76	-4.94	36
Kingman	60	4	76	41	0.00	0.47	-2.78	14
Marana	66	2	86	46	0.18	1.47	-1.97	43
Maricopa	67	0	87	43	0.06	1.35	-1.22	53
Paloma	66	-1	88	44	0.00	0.60	-1.95	24
Parker	69	0	90	45	0.00	0.61	-1.43	30
Payson	52	1	70	32	0.43	3.78	-3.16	54
Phoenix	72	4	87	49	0.15	1.87	-0.55	77
Prescott	54	6	71	34	0.00	2.45	-2.95	45
Roll	68	3	90	48	0.00	0.06	-0.86	7
Safford	63	4	82	40	0.15	2.91	0.91	146
St. Johns	53	3	73	27	0.09	0.97	-1.45	40
Tucson	67	2	84	46	0.07	1.41	-1.03	58
Willcox	58	3	79	35	0.22	2.97	0.59	125
Winslow	56	4	75	28	0.01	2.11	0.44	126
Yuma	68	-2	90	47	0.00	0.00	-0.99	0

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

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