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Field Crops

Alfalfa harvest was active on over three quarters of the State's acreage. Alfalfa condition is mostly fair to good. Cotton planting is 95 percent complete compared with 91 percent a year ago. Cotton squaring has begun in the Yuma area. Small grain heading is virtually complete. Early planted small grains are maturing and harvesting is underway. Range and pasture condition across the State is mostly poor to fair.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week western Arizona growers shipped cabbage, cantaloupes, honeydews, green onions, and seeded and seedless watermelons. Producers in central Arizona shipped carrots, potatoes, dry onions, cantaloupes, and seeded and seedless watermelons.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	0	4	24	52	20
Range and Pasture	15	26	39	18	2

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Cotton				
• Planted	95	85	91	89
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	100	99	97	98
• Mature	15	5	33	31
Barley				
• Headed	99	95	99	98
• Mature	28	12	49	43

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly above normal in the State for the week ending May 20. Temperatures ranged from 3 degrees above normal at Parker to 10 degrees above normal at various locations. The highest temperature of the week was 102 degrees at Phoenix, and the lowest reading occurred in Grand Canyon at 29

degrees. Precipitation was reported at 8 of the 22 reporting stations. St. Johns received the most at 0.36 inches of precipitation and Marana and Payson received the least with 0.01 inches. Four stations are currently above normal for precipitation.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
May 14 - May 20, 2007

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	76	5	97	54	0.00	1.52	-2.41	39
Buckeye	82	5	100	62	0.00	1.50	-1.07	58
Canyon De Chelly	66	6	91	43	0.06	2.26	-0.72	76
Coolidge	80	5	100	58	0.00	1.31	-1.93	40
Douglas	74	7	95	46	0.08	2.52	0.46	122
Flagstaff	56	6	78	33	0.00	3.15	-5.58	36
Grand Canyon	57	10	82	29	0.00	3.12	-5.65	36
Kingman	75	9	93	52	0.00	0.47	-3.20	13
Marana	82	7	100	60	0.01	1.53	-2.24	41
Maricopa	83	7	100	65	0.00	1.66	-1.21	58
Paloma	78	0	99	56	0.00	0.66	-2.17	23
Parker	80	3	101	60	0.00	0.61	-1.47	29
Payson	67	8	88	46	0.01	3.89	-3.88	50
Phoenix	89	10	102	74	0.00	1.93	-0.64	75
Prescott	68	10	87	49	0.00	2.70	-3.40	44
Roll	78	0	100	53	0.00	0.14	-0.82	15
Safford	78	9	99	57	0.00	3.15	0.91	141
St. Johns	69	10	89	49	0.36	1.68	-1.19	59
Tucson	82	9	100	63	0.14	1.65	-1.12	60
Willcox	74	10	97	52	0.29	3.29	0.60	122
Winslow	70	8	93	48	0.11	2.70	0.72	136
Yuma	77	0	98	55	0.00	0.01	-1.04	1

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

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