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Field Crops

Cotton planting is underway in the Yuma area. Small grain emergence in the State is virtually complete. Alfalfa harvest remains active on over two-thirds of the State's acreage. Alfalfa conditions are mostly fair to excellent, depending on location. Range and pasture conditions across the State remain mostly poor to good, depending on location and elevation.

Vegetables, Fruit & Specialty Crops

Last week central Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, carrots, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, parsley, spinach, and citrus. Western Arizona growers shipped broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, Chinese cabbage, endive, escarole, frisee, kale, miscellaneous Asian vegetables and herbs, green onions, parsley, spinach, Swiss chard, and citrus. Lettuce shipments included Boston, green leaf, iceberg, red leaf, and romaine.

Crop Condition

	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	- Percent -				
Alfalfa	1	4	24	28	43
Range and Pasture	1	17	48	27	7

Crop Progress

	This Week	Last Week	Last Year	5 – Year Avg.
	- Percent -			
Durum Wheat				
• Headed	12	11	15	12
Barely				
• Headed	22	21	26	25

Weather Summary

Temperatures were mostly below normal across the State for the week ending March 23. Temperatures ranged from 5 degrees below normal at Paloma, St. Johns, and Winslow to 6 degrees above normal at Yuma. The highest temperature of the week was 94

degrees at Yuma, and the lowest reading of 7 degrees occurred at Grand Canyon. Precipitation was reported at 7 of the 22 stations. Five reporting stations are currently above normal precipitation for the year to date.

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Temperature and Precipitation Data
March 17 - March 23, 2008

Station	Temperature				Precipitation			
	Avg.	Dep. 1/	High	Low	Past Week	Jan. 1 to Date	Departure From Normal	Percent of Normal
Aguila	58	2	83	34	0.00	2.20	-1.17	65
Buckeye	61	-2	87	35	0.00	2.26	0.19	109
Canyon De Chelly	41	-4	67	20	0.00	2.47	0.54	128
Coolidge	57	-4	83	32	0.00	1.49	-1.00	60
Douglas	51	-3	83	24	0.00	0.31	-1.26	20
Flagstaff	35	-1	60	11	0.04	6.54	0.37	106
Grand Canyon	35	4	61	7	0.21	4.35	-2.24	66
Kingman	49	-3	74	26	0.02	2.93	0.24	109
Marana	60	-2	83	35	0.00	1.67	-1.33	56
Maricopa	59	-2	86	33	0.00	1.49	-0.77	66
Paloma	59	-5	86	32	0.00	1.06	-1.19	47
Parker	63	-1	88	34	0.00	1.11	-0.71	61
Payson	47	2	70	27	0.10	5.63	-0.19	97
Phoenix	65	2	87	47	0.00	1.97	-0.10	95
Prescott	45	2	69	26	0.12	4.25	-0.29	94
Roll	62	-3	92	33	0.00	0.65	-0.12	84
Safford	54	-1	81	31	0.00	1.50	-0.28	84
St. Johns	41	-5	70	19	0.00	1.23	-0.74	62
Tucson	57	-4	83	35	0.37	1.76	-0.39	82
Willcox	51	-2	81	28	0.05	1.05	-1.09	49
Winslow	43	-5	72	16	0.00	1.50	0.05	103
Yuma	71	6	94	46	0.00	0.35	-0.42	45

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

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